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CONVENTION MEDAL DESIGN WINNER

AND THE WINNER IS: **KEVIN NORRIS!!**

NEW! OREGON CHIPCOS...

2X representation*

From Oregon, where cardroom blackjack is legal under a Social Gaming Statute, a freelance dealer has introduced and brought back these finest quality Chipcos.

Finest Quality

These handsome cheques depict the full-color portrait of a cinnamon bear before a background of evergreen trees. The legend "Coos Bay to Clatskanie" refers to popular gaming venues along Oregon's Pacific Coast.

These chips were manufactured at Chipco's factory in Maine and overnight drop-shipped to Oregon in time for the late '92 holiday season. They were used in blackjack games dealt in Columbia and Tillamook Counties in late November and December.

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CC&GTCC members are the first to be offered these rare chips, in sets of four chips: $1 (white circular border), $3 (yellow), $5 (red) and $10 (blue) -- one chip of each denomination in each set.

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(AUGUST)

1993 BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
1994 DETROIT, MICHIGAN
1995 ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA
1996 DENVER, COLORADO
1997 NEW YORK, NEW YORK
1998 PORTLAND, OREGON
1999 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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1st ANNUAL CC&GTCC CONVENTION

APRIL 29 - MAY 1, 1993

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TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB

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Address _____

City _____

State, Zip _____

Phone _____

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My collecting interests are:

Chips _____ **Tokens** _____
U.S. _____ **Foreign** _____

Please do____ / do not _____
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or phone number _____
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I've enclosed my annual dues for:
(Effective August 15, 1992)

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All dues are payable by June 1st of each year. Applications processed between January 1 and May 30th will be at 50% of the annual rate. Mail completed application with your check made payable to CC&GTCC, to:

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(October, November, December)

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R-863 MARK FRANK
R-864 ED BROUNSTEIN
R-865 BILL SCHNICK
R-866 ROBERT McCOLUM
R-867 EMILY MADSON
R-868 STAN WILKER
R-869 LEO JEOFFRE
R-870 WILLIAM WEGMAN
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A.C. NEW ISSUES SERVICE

I am now accepting additional subscribers to my popular Atlantic City new issues service. Dozens of CC&GTCC members are already benefitting from this unique method of obtaining new chips and tokens from Atlantic City, in the best possible condition, as they are released by the casinos.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

SEND NO MONEY!! Simply send me your name, your address, and club membership # on a post card with the denominations of chips and or tokens you would like to receive. Each time an A.C. casino releases a new issue I will automatically send you the brand new tokens and chips you've requested and I will bill you accordingly. Your cost for this service is as follows:

$1 chips or tokens ..... $3.00 @
$2 tokens ..... $4.00 @
$2.50 chips ..... $4.00 @
$5 chips or tokens ..... $7.50 @
$5 CHIPCO special issues. $8.00 @
$10 tokens .....$15.00 @
$20 chips .....$25.00 @
$25 chips or tokens .....$30.00 @

Plus, reimburse my actual P&I cost when you send your check.

* THE NEW TROPWORLD $2 TOKENS ARE NOW IN STOCK.

Current circulated chips presently in use are also available at slightly lower prices. Roulette chips, when available are $3 @.

'MR. CHIPS'
P.O. BOX 63 BRICK, NJ 08723
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R-939 SHAREN VIERRA

WOW! A NEW RECORD!! 80 NEW MEMBERS HAVE SIGNED UP SINCE THE LAST QUARTER MAGAZINE WENT TO PRESS! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

I BUY SELL TRADE
ANTIQUE PUERTO RICO CASINO CHIPS

FOR SALE:
New chips in average circulated condition.

$1 chips - $4@
$5 chips - $8@
Roulettes - $5@
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(See my Ponce Hilton article)

Postage paid on orders over $20

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CALLE ISOLINA #48
URB. LA CONCEPCION
CABO ROJO, PR 00623
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Have you mailed in your Aladdin Hotel registration card for our 1993 convention and casino collectibles show in April? The deadline is March 22, 1993. That's not our deadline, it is Aladdin's. In order to take advantage of the $45 room rate, and before Aladdin releases our block of any unsold rooms that have been set aside for CC&GTCC, you must respond by March 22nd. If anyone needs additional reservation cards, you may request them from Recording Secretary, Earl Donley.

All systems are go for a super convention in just a couple of short months from now. You will find several new updates published in this issue of the club magazine of what our convention committees have planned for your Las Vegas visit. Many folks have worked very hard to put all this together for your benefit. Please don't disappoint them by not showing your support.... even if you can't make it to the convention personally. As of this report, we have 36 dealer tables sold and a few surprises are in store for those of you who will be in attendance. Our schedule of activities is also published in this issue so that you can plan your agenda in advance. I'm still accepting $3 member booster ads in the Official Convention Program, listing your name and city/state. For only $5 I'll publish your business card in the program. Stop by the exhibit area and check out the wonderful casino china display that has been placed by club member Jodi Richmond of Reno.

While the next issue of our club publication will be out in mid-April, it will probably arrive at most members homes well after our convention has concluded. So this will probably be the last issue most of you will receive prior to our Las Vegas show (unless of course you have opted for 1st class delivery). In any event, ALL of you will have to wait until the July issue to get all the news on what you missed out on in Las Vegas... unless you were in attendance and learned first hand what a great show it is shaping up to be.

I've been asked to make the Official Convention Program available to those members who were not able to get to Las Vegas and who would like a copy. I can't promise anything, as we have no idea what kind of attendance to expect at our show. I will promise to gather up all the remaining convention programs (if any) and make them available on a first come-first served basis to those members who want a copy after the show is over. Your cost will be just the postage to send it out to you. Probably not more than a buck. Details will follow in the Volume 6, #3 convention report issue.

The Baltimore A.N.A. convention in August won't be anywhere near as good a show, as far as chip & token hunting goes..... but for those of you who will not be in attendance at Las Vegas..... expecially those members on the east coast..... you will have another opportunity to meet some of your fellow club members, and a few chip & token dealers, in Baltimore. More to follow on that informal club gathering in the next issue. Of course all of you west coasters will have the popular Bellflower show to look forward to on March 27th, a full month prior to the National Convention in Las Vegas.

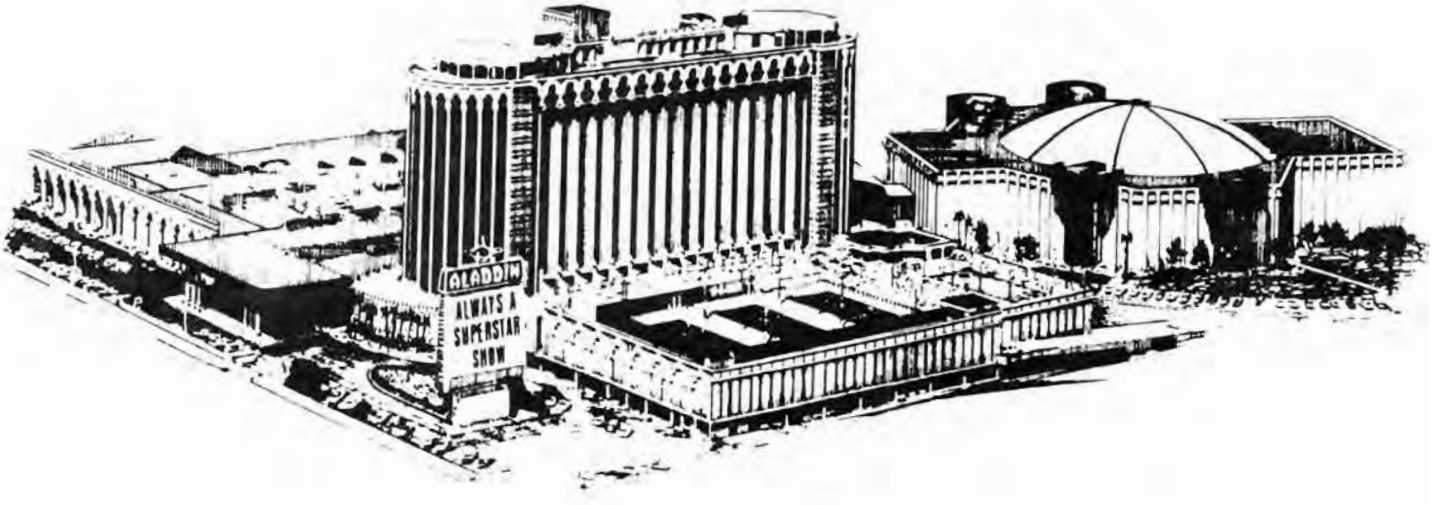
CLUB TO OFFER SUPER DRAWING PRIZE

Visitors to our 1993 Las Vegas convention will be able to win a "Free" 3 day, 2 night Las Vegas stay for two people in a special drawing that will be held at the conclusion of our show on Saturday, May 1st. Tickets will be available only at the convention.

The club has purchased a package at Vegas World which will include a $1200 Casino Action bankroll. ($800 in casino chips good for all even money table games - such as craps, roulette, blackjack; you keep all winnings;$200 in slot action; and two $100 entries in Vegas World's $1,000,000 slot tournament.) In addition to the free room, plus the chips and tokens mentioned above, the winner will also receive four free tickets to two shows in the Galaxy Showroom featuring Name entertainment and unlimited free drinks in all Vegas World bars and lounges throughout the casino. An AM/FM stereo entertainment center will also be included in the package as a free bonus gift.

The lucky winner will have until April 24, 1994 to make their own reservations and will not be obligated to wager any of their own money. These are not Match Play chips!! The winner selects the dates, at least 20 days prior to your planned arrival, valid seven days a week except for holidays and major holiday weekends. In addition, if you choose to arrive on a Sunday or a Tuesday, you will receive an extra $100 in Casino Betting Action ($50 tables/$50 Slot action.... or, if available, an extra nights accomodations. (Total 4 days/3 nights.) Airfare is not included. Who knows, the winner may be able to parlay this fantastic prize to coincide with our 1994 convention dates and come back to Las Vegas next year and stay for free..... plus take advantage of all the Vegas World freebies!!.

(See "Travellin' With The Sandersons" on page 37 of Vol 5, #3 for Art's first hand account of his personal VW package. This Editor has also taken advantage of several VW packages and has no complaints. Everything received was exactly as offered.)



DEADLINE IS APPROACHING QUICKLY

MARCH 22, 1993.... AN IMPORTANT DATE

Registration cards that were inserted in the previous issue of the club magazine has this deadline (March 22) for taking advantage of our favorable convention rate at the Aladdin Hotel in Las Vegas. All unsold rooms from our reserved block of rooms will be released to the public after this date and the $45 rate may not be honored after the 22nd.... especially for the weekend! If you have misplaced your hotel reservation card, or if you need more cards for additional guests, please request them immediately from CC&GTCC Recording Secretary, Earl Donley.

The deadline for requesting table space at our convention has also been set for March 22nd. We can accomodate only a few more table requests if you act by then. Cost is just $100 per table and the club will reimburse $5 of your table fee per night if you book a room at the Aladdin Hotel. NO tables will be sold to "walk-ins" on the day of the show.

Planning to exhibit? Deadline for your application is also March 22nd. Did you want to advertise in the "Official 1993 Convention Program"? Deadline is March 22nd. $3 membership "Booster Ads" also have to be in by March 22nd. Only $5 per business card. Send in your copy ASAP. I think you all should have gotten the message by now.... Deadline is MARCH 22nd!!

LAST CALL FOR AUCTION LOTS: There is still time to submit lots to our club auction to be held at 7:00 p.m. on May 1st. Deadline is MARCH 22nd!! Club members may submit up to 5 lots each to Bruce Landau, our Auction Chairman.

For those of you who plan to be in town on Thursday night; if you have nothing better to do.... stop by our hospitality room at 5:30 p.m. for some wine & cheese, or soft drinks & snacks, at the Aladdin for our "Early Bird Welcome" and say hello to your club officers and some of the dealers/members who will be on hand.

"Where Wishes Come True One Chip At A Time"

Are You Moving?

Please let us know!

Notify us at least **8 weeks** before you move to your new address so you won't miss a single issue

BY LAWS CHANGE PROPOSALS

The following By Laws changes have been proposed by Secretary Donley. A formal vote will be taken on the proposal at our annual meeting in Las Vegas. A 2/3 majority of the club members present shall be required to amend.

ARTICLE VI. DUES (present)

A. Charter and regular members: $15 per year, or $25 for two years. Associate dues are $5. Foreign memberships are $25. Mid-year dues (after January 1) will be 1/2 the annual rate.

B. Annual dues are to be paid by the last day of May each year and are to be considered overdue on the 1st day of June.

ARTICLE VI. DUES (proposed)

A. Charter and regular members: $15 per year; $25 for two years. An optional additional charge of $8 per year in the event first class postage is requested for delivery of the club quarterly magazine.
Associate members: $5 per year. (Must reside at same address as regular or charter member.)
Foreign membership is $25 per year.

B. Annual dues shall start with the quarter of the year in which they are received and shall expire after four consecutive quarterly periods.

C. A renewal notice will be sent by the Secretary to members whose dues are expiring two months prior to their expiration date.

The following Constitutional change has been proposed by Treasurer Landau. A formal vote will be taken on the matter at our annual convention in Las Vegas. A 2/3 majority of the club members present shall be required to amend.

ARTICLE FOUR SECTION 2. (present)

A Board of Directors will be comprised of the five (5) club officers.

ARTICLE FOUR SECTION 1. (proposed)

A Board of Directors will be comprised of the five (5) current officers plus all past club officers.

Finally, see "Letters To The Editor" for a proposed Constitutional change suggested by club member Steve Roy regarding changing Article Two, "Place Of Business". This too will require a 2/3 majority vote.

CLUB MEDAL DESIGN SELECTED

A "blue ribbon committee" of well qualified, impartial judges have selected the winning design in the club's 1993 medal design contest. Suzanne Meyer, Chuck Tomarchio and Cheryl Maisch chose one final design from a total of eleven excellent artwork entries submitted. Kevin Norris, of Louisville, Kentucky submitted the winning entry. Norris also submitted the runner-up design as well, followed by 3rd place finisher, Arthur Sanderson of Georgia.

Norris' obverse design will be paired with the club's logo reverse die for striking silver and bronze medal/ tokens to be issued in commemoration of the club's first annual convention to be held at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas on April 29th to May 1, 1993.

The following is background information on the three excellent Judges whom our Medal Design Chairman, Robert Maisch, selected to determine the winning design.

Judge Suzanne Meyer was a member of the 1971 United States Mint Assay Commission. She is currently an educator, model, actress, and owner of the Holly Mark Associates Toy Company. She has been married for 24 years and is the mother of two children.

Judge Chuck Tomarchio is retired from the United States Coast Guard at the rank of CWO-4 after 25 years service. He is currently a dual rate Pit Manager/Floor Supervisor in an Atlantic City casino. He has had an interest in numismatics, is a CC&GTCC member. He has a keen interest in Atlantic City material, South Dakota gaming chips and odd denomination chips.

Judge Cheryl Maisch is a past Librarian of the Token & Medal Society and Co-Editor and Chief Administrator of the American Numismatic Association's Intermediate Numismatic Correspondence Course. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of TAMS, a Regional Coordinator for the ANA, and has been a certified ANA competitive exhibit judge since 1975. She is the owner of her own crafts business; "Cheryl's". Her collecting interest is exonumia of Maine.

At 39mm, or crown size, these medals will be slightly larger than the standard casino gaming token. A mintage of only 200 silver and 300 bronze medals have been ordered from the manufacturer. Because of the limited mintage, and the unforseen amount of interest (or lack of) in our first medal issue, sales will be restricted to only one set per member, first come; first served. There will be no re-strikes after the original 500 pieces are sold. Final price has not been established at press time.

Ordering information can be obtained by writing to Janice O'Neal, CC&GTCC Vice-President, 1836 Fisk Rd. Howell, Michigan 48843.

CC & GTCC PROMOTIONAL ITEMS FOR SALE

3 1/2" embrodered, colorful cloth logo patch, "CC&GTCC MEMBER"..$3.00 @
2 3/4" vinyl club logo, self-stick decal .... $1.00 @
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Attractive full size CC&GTCC License Plates ....$3.00 @
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A.N.A. CLUB MEETING SOUVENIRS

1988	"One Blue Chip"	commemorative club wooden dollar.	SOLD OUT
1989	"Two Wooden Dollars"	commemorative club wooden dollar..	.75 @
1990	"Three Wooden Dollars"	commemorative club wooden dollar..	.75 @
1991	"Four Chicago Dollars"	commemorative club wooden dollar..	.75 @
1992	"Five Wooden Dollars"	commemorative club wooden dollar..	.75 @

1989	Official club chip "2" issued for 1989 ANA convention..	SOLD OUT
1990	Official club chip "3" issued for 1990 ANA convention ..	$3.00 @
1991	Official club chip "4" issued for 1991 ANA convention...	$3.00 @
1992	Official club chip "5" issued for 1992 ANA convention...	$3.00 @

MISCELLANEOUS CLUB WOOD ISSUES

1991	"F.U.N. Chip" Florida United Numismatists club meeting..	.75 @
1992	"F.U.N. Chip" Club meeting during '92 F.U.N convention..	.75 @
1992	CC&GTCC Membership Chip with your club membership #....	.75 @
1993	Wooden nickel announcing our Las Vegas Convention dates..	.50 @

1993 Official Convention Medal Set (bronze & silver)......... $20.00
1993 Official Convention Medal (bronze only) .... $ 5.00
(please add additional $1.50 for postage & insurance for two piece set)

PLEASE ADD .75 CENTS POSTAGE TO ALL ORDERS. STAMPS O.K.

SEND ORDERS TO: **JANICE O'NEAL 1836 FISK RD. HOWELL, MI 48843**

Historic place

The Moulin Rouge Hotel, which hosted Sammy Davis Jr., Harry Belafonte and Louis Armstrong, has been nominated for placement on the National Register of Historic Places.

The hotel is historically significant because of the role it played as the first attempt at an interracial casino and hotel, according to the Nevada State Museum.

The hotel, which opened in 1955, will be renovated by owner Sarann Knight Preddy.

CHIPS & TOKENS MANY FOR SALE. HUNDREDS. CHIPCOS TOO. $1 EACH LIST. To help cover mailing & printing costs.

LIST OF CURRENT CASINOS & THE CHIPS NOW IN USE FOR LAS VEGAS & AREA, WITH PICTURES. ALSO LISTING NUMBER OF OBSOLETE CHIPS FROM SAME CASINOS. $5 to include a year of updates.

POSTCARDS of Nevada casinos. $1 for photos. REQUEST VEGAS OR OTHER.

I deal in all types CASINO & GAMBLING COLLECTIBLES, BUY-SELL & TRADE. SEND YOUR GAMBLING & CHIP WANTS.

CURRENT PIECES CAN BE SENT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE, MANY NEW PIECES FOR 93. ORDER $1 @ $3, $5 @ $8 $1.50 FOR .25. SEND FOR PICS. OF CURRENT CHIPS OF 92.

If you have SCARCE to RARE CHIPS for sale or trade please let me know. ESPECIALLY SEEKING HIGH DENOMINATIONS.

JAMES CAMPIGLIA, 4371 LUCAS,
LAS VEGAS, NV. 702-456-6855.

ATLANTIC CITY

TRUMP PLAZA ISSUES $20 CHIPCO

In mid-October, Trump Plaza took most Atlantic City chip collectors by surprise when they introduced a $20 CHIPCO on their Pai Gow Poker tables. Word has it that other properties that do not currently have a $20 in use in their casinos will be following suit as $20 seems to be the logical table minimum for this newly approved table game in A.C.

As of this writing, the only other A.C. properties that have a $20 chip currently in use are Sands; Harrah's Marina; Caesars; and now Trump Plaza.

TROPWORLD ISSUES $2 SLOT TOKEN!!

The first $2 token in Atlantic City (and maybe even Nevada?) has been issued by TropWorld. Just in time for Christmas, in very late November, Tropworld beat the competition by putting into play this "non-standard" denomination token. Some industry wags claim that a $2 machine makes a lot of sense. Players who wager three $1 tokens on each pull are reluctant to make the next jump to a $5 machine which would require a $15 maximum bet. A maximum $2 bet (three $2 tokens) would cost "just" $6.

New $2 tokens all have a common reverse and the five different obverse designs which are identical to the $1 series.

CAESARS ISSUES MORE NEW CHIPCOS

On Wednesday, November 27th, the day just before Thanksgiving, new CHIPCO's apeared on the Caesars tables. Buddy Hackett and David Copperfield were honored to be the first of four 1992 $5 "celebrity series" chips to be issued. The original number of new style chips that were put into play were sparsely distributed, primarily at the craps tables, as only a relatively few examples were sprinkled among the regular $5 CHIPCO issues. As several days went by, dwindling stocks were fairly liberally replenished.

At the same time, a new $20 CHIPCO was introduced, primarily at the bacarrat and pai-gow tables. This chip was a complete surprise as the entire inventory of the old $20's were removed from all tables (which are now obsolete) and were replaced 100% with this new $20 CHIPCO issue. Can new $1 and $25 Caesar's CHIPCO's be far behind?

T TWD-2 reverse

DIVING HORSE	T TWD-2a
BOARDWALK	T TWD-2b
LIFEGUARD	T TWD-2c
LUCY	T TWD-2d
MISS AMERICA	T TWD-2e

MORE FROM CAESARS (continued)

On Christmas Eve, two more of the Caesars A.C. headliner series from CHIPCO were put into play. Ray Charles & Tony Bennett chips were the 3rd and 4th to be introduced in the series.

Then, on Christmas Day, Ann Margaret's chip appeared on the tables. She headlined the New Year's Eve show at Caesars, and was selected to grace the 5th chip of the CHIPCO headliner series at Caesars and was the first one to be dated "1993".

All five chips, plus the regular $5 CHIPCO, were in play on the tables at the same time during my visit on December 27th! That's got to be a first!! Six different $5 current chips, simultaneously. An instant collection! That, certainly should have an effect in drawing even more potential new collectors to the hobby. I wonder if in addition to the profit the casino realizes on the number of chips that "walk", if anyone has taken into consideration the fact that players might now be somewhat distracted, by studying the different designs on the chips in play instead of paying attention to the game at hand? Another bonus for the house!

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The article about gaming stocks by Francis McIlvaine (R-366) was interesting reading. Some other casino hotel stocks are:

1. Grand Casinos Inc. GRNAO NASDAQ from Minnesota.
2. Pratt Hotel Inc. PHC AMEX They own Sands in A.C.
3. Resorts International AMEX also I believe.

As for chip and token manufacturers, I have found:

1. CHIPCO of Maine
2. GREENDUCK Corp. Las Vegas
3. NEVADA COIN MART Las Vegas
4. CASINO TOKENS Las Vegas
5. LETCHER MINT Lancaster Calif.
6. PAUL-SON CASINO SUPPLIES Las Vegas, A.C.
7. BUD JONES COMPANY Las Vegas.

Other gambling related companies are:

1. GASSER CHAIR of Youngstown, Ohio
2. L x B MANUFACTURING of Perris, Calif.

Thank you, John Rudden R-513

P.S. During an October trip to Trump Plaza, I saw $20 CHIPCOs in use at the Pai Gow tables.

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Now You're Talking. . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.....CONTINUED

Dear Editor:

Just a quick note to cast an opinion in favor of the letter written by Jack Boberg in the last issue of the club magazine.

When you play roulette you only "rent" the chips at their declared value for the period of time you are playing on a particular table. After you cash in, the same chips may again be "rented" to someone else at a higher or lower declared value. You have not paid for the chips in the sense that they have a face value, so to "scam" them in this manner is exactly that and should not be condoned by the club. Jon Morell CH-025

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Dear Editor:

I totally agree with the letter in the last issue from Jack Boberg (CH-051) about collecting roulette chips. As a new collector, I look forward to any new ethical way to enhance my collection. I do appreciate the type of column that Gary Gustafson (R-514) contributed.

Also, I have a comment about the Constitution of our organization. I will be voting in favor (of it) so as not to delay getting it in place. However, I feel this should be corrected..... "PLACE OF BUSINESS": "The principal place of business of this organization shall be listed as P.O. Box 63 Brick, NJ 08723." The following should be added: "OR any other place as voted on from time to time by the Board of Directors." When Mr. Black retires, or if he sells his house, the new owners may not want the organization using their dining room table for club business.

Steve Roy (R-871)

Editors Note: While Mr. Roy is technically correct, it was anticipated when initially drafted that any newly elected club officers and/or club members might want to change some provisions in the future. Therefore, Article Five; Section 1, "ALTERATIONS OF AMENDMENTS" of our Constitution provides for that. However, the point becomes moot in the sense that the club has since become incorporated in the State of New York under Section 402 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law and specifically states that "the office of the corporation is to be located in the County of Nassau." I wish to thank club member Eric Rosenblum Esq. for his legal work on behalf of the club in filing for our Certificate of Incorporation. Eric has subsequently filed for our Federal Tax Exemption as an Educational Non-Profit Organization as well. So, we can consider this "Place Of Business" question as an "amendment (under Art. 5, Sec 1) presented to the President who shall cause presentation of same to the membership in the next issue of the official club publication." "Amendments or alterations shall not be voted upon until the next scheduled annual meeting of the club. When voted upon, a 2/3 majority of the club members present shall be required to amend."

Archie A. Black

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CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS VOTE RESULT

Thanks to all of you who took the time to read the proposed Bylaws & Constitution and who have returned the enclosed ballot cards to our Elections Chairman, Robert Maisch. The vote was overwhelmingly in support of the proposal.

IN FAVOR: 138 AGAINST: 0

Now that the approved C&BL are in place, any member can now propose a change (in writing) at any time according to Article Five of the Constitution. The club wishes to extend our deep appreciation to Robert Maisch for offering to serve as the club's Elections Chairman, among several other assignments which he has volunteered to undertake on behalf of our organization.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ..... CONTINUED:

Dear Editor:

Received my club magazine the other day and have read it through a couple of times. It seems that it takes more than one time to get every thing out of it. Keep up the good work.

I have a comment to make on the article by Jack Boberg. I agree with him totally. Roulette chips do not have any set denomination. That varies from player to player as you well know. You can't take them to the cashier cage and cash them out like regular checks. Walking out of the casino with your pocket full of $5 checks means the casino made a profit of $4.50 each. As you know, that's why the casinos put out all of the commemorative checks that they do. What is stopping a player that walked off with roulette chips that he got with a value of 25 cents coming back later, getting the same color, with a value of $1 each? There are certain things you don't take from the casino and roulette chips are one of them. I guess that's why they have the tv sets bolted down, to keep the television set collectors from adding them to their collection. I personally think that taking something from the casino that your are not supposed to is plain stealing. The club surely doesn't need the reputation as being a club of theives.

I have one other comment to make. What constitutes "rare"? Is it a few available? Is it because you say so? (not me Hank...chips, like all collectibles, are worth only what someone is willing to pay for them ..Ed.) I know of some scarce chips that are being sold for $15 & $18 each. I've enclosed them for you because they are so scarce. Scarce my foot! Anyone can buy them for .50 cents each and there are bags of them. It's a shame that the collectors have to be raped like this. It's fine to get paid something for your effort, but not to retire on. I think the Constitution and ByLaws are great. Number Two and Three of the Code Of Ethics tells it all. Hank Boss R-265?

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AND MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor:

After suffering through the unrelenting, obsequious praise lavished on CHIPCO chips in these pages, I am finally forced to express what I am sure many others think.... that CHIPCO chips are a travesty on chip collecting. Unfortunately, they typify our times, culture and society. Words like "superficial", "degenerate", and "garish", scream out. While largely exaggerated, successful gambling was once thought to entail such qualities as character, discipline, elegance and charm. Old gambling chips fit that description. At the same time, these older type clay chips were very interesting and complex with their array of embossed rim mould designs, combinations of edge inserts, and inlaid centers. The CHIPCO's are as hideous and simple minded as graffiti on a wall. And now we have tawdry CHIPCO "collector series" chips splattered with pop culture icons. Good grief! This plethora of tastelessness hurts both one's pocketbook and sensibilities.

Years ago when I collected postage stamps, U.S. stamps had a simple elegance to them. Then, we laughed at "dog and cat" countries that had stamps manufactured for them in London, never to be used in the country that ordered the stamps, but rather to be sold to American kids... stamps picturing animals, American sport heros, etc. Now America has stamps, chips and a culture with as much substance as the stickers children collect. Robert Eisenstadt R-159

Editors Note: The above comments are the unedited opinions of club member Eisestadt as written verbatim in his letter for publication. Member Eisenstatd's thoughts are not shared by this Editor. Members who disagree with Mr. Eisenstadt are encouraged to write to him directly, not to **CC&GTCC**, unless your intentions are to have your "Letter To The Editor" published in the next issue of **your** club's magazine. Eisenstadt's address is 140 Cadman Plaza West, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

This club has repeatedly written to other chip manufacturers requesting information on their new issues releases. **CHIPCO** has been the only chip manufacturing firm to provide the club with the information which we have been seeking as a service to our many members who do collect **CHIPCO** products and we will continue to pass on that information to the legions of collectors who appreciate and enjoy collecting these chips of today's technology.

The best advice I can offer is that if there are a sizeable number of folks out there who get a lot of enjoyment and pleasure from collecting manhole covers, who am I to tell you that you should not? If one does not like collecting manhole covers, or if they are priced too high.... simply don't collect them and try to be more tolerant of other folks collecting interests!

CHIPS 'N TOKENS UPDATE'

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

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS IS BEHIND US AND WE HOPE SANTA PUT LOTS OF GOOD CHIPS AND (OR) TOKENS IN YOUR CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS. NOW IT IS TIME TO ANXIOUSLY LOOK FORWARD TO OUR LAS VEGAS CONVENTION. TESTING OUR WINGS ALONE FROM THE ANA CONVENTION FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME!

NEVADA CHIP COLLECTORS HAVE HAD A MIGHTY SKIMPY THREE MONTHS THIS TIME AROUND. LETS HOPE THE CHIPCO NEW YEARS ISSUES ARE MANY! COLORADO AND RIVERBOATS IN MISSISSIPPI HAVE BEEN THE MAIN CENTERS FOR COLLECTORS THIS PAST QUARTER, AND OF COURSE, BAR TOKENS IN NEVADA KEEP PILING UP AS USUAL.

SPORT OF KINGS LV OPENED 10-12-92 WITH A VERY IMPRESSIVE $5 CHIPCO. GOLDEN GATE CASINO DOWNTOWN LV HAS A NEW .25 H&C DULL YEL, LIKE BEFORE, WITH A VERY HEAVY HS AND IT HAS REVERTED TO THE PREVIOUS WORDING OF "DOWNTOWN-LAS VEGAS" INSTEAD OF "LAS VEGAS, NV". SANDS HOTEL LV ADDED $1.00 HOUSE BLU--HS CHIP FOR POKER ROOM ONLY. (THIS SEEMS TO BE THE SAME DESIGN CHIP THEY HAD SEVERAL YEARS AGO) SANTA FE LV HAS LATE NIGHT .25 CRAPS. THE NEW CHIP IS PRS EDS RT DK BLU--HS. THIS GAME RUNS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CASINO SO .25 CHIPS ARE NOT EASY TO GET. KLONDIKE INN LV HAS DISCONTINUED LIVE GAMING, MORE OBSOLETE CHIPS.

TOM'S SUNSET CASINO, HEND HAS ADDED ONE POKER TABLE WITH $1.00 CHIP. LANG PLY OFF WHE 3 BLK--HS (I HAVE HEARD YOU CANNOT GET THEM WITHOUT PLAYING IN THE POKER GAME!)

AT THE NEW RENO HILTON RESORT (EX-BALLY'S) THERE IS A $5 CHIPCO CALLED "EARTHWINDS", WHICH IS A HOT AIR BALOON COMMEMORATIVE. J.A.NUGGET, SPARKS HAS NEW $1 H&C BLU SPRP/PVK/PKP--CL CHIP. SURPRISE!! A NEW ONE HAS JUST BEEN TURNED UP BY ONE OF MY SHARP EYED SPOTTERS! THE $2.50 HARRAH'S AT LAKE TAHOE, GEN 8 BRASS INSERTS--BRASS CENTER LOGO NOW SAYS "LAKE TAHOE, NEVADA" UNDER THE "HARRAH'S", WHERE BEFORE IT SAID ONLY "HARRAH'S", AND WAS USED AT BOTH LAKE TAHOE AND RENO. THIS NOW MEANS ALL BRASS SLUG CORE CHIPS AT BOTH LAKE TAHOE AND RENO WILL HAVE TO BE WATCHED CLOSELY FOR CHANGES. HAVE ANY OTHERS ALREADY BEEN CHANGED?

ARTICHOKE JOE'S PEANUT HOUSE SALOON CC, AT LAST REPORT, STILL HAS NO DOLLAR SLOTS BUT THERE IS A $1 TOKEN. THE NEW CHIPS ARE ON THE TABLES (AGAIN NOT EASY TO GET WITHOUT PLAYING POKER). THEY ARE .25-.50-$1 AND $1 (YES, A FOUR DOLLAR CHIP!) ALL ARE H&C--CL AND THEY DO HAVE PEANUTS LOGO! CACTUS JACK'S CC HAS ALREADY PUT THE SECOND IN THE FIVE YEAR SERIES OF CHIPCOS, DEPICTING CARSON CITY HISTORY, OUT ON THE TABLES. IT IS DATED 1993. COLLINS

COURT HOTEL, ELY STARTED GAMING 7-92, CLOSED 10-92, $1 TOKEN & $5 BJ RED 4 WHT--HS CHIP WHICH ARE BOTH NOW OBSOLETE.

AND NOW ON TO NEVADA SLOT TOKENS: THE "IGT" AND "EDT" ROUTE COMPANY CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN BOUGHT OUT BY CARDIVAN (JACKPOT ENTERPRISES) RESULTING IN A WHOLE BUSHEL BASKET FULL OF NEW BAR TOKENS ! IN LAS VEGAS; BUBBA'S, GOODTIMES, STARBOARD TACK, SLY FOX NORTH, BUCK'S TAVERN, & FINNEGAN'S 3889 E CRAIG (FINNEGAN'S 6000 S EASTERN STILL USING EDT TOKENS); PAT HAND LOUNGE, HEND.

RENO AREA: COLOMBO'S, EL CORTEZ LOUNGE, GENO'S, MR. O'S CORNER BAR, STAINGLASS PUB, & WAUGH'S WAYSIDE; AND THE SAMEPLACE LOUNGE IN SPARKS. THESE HAVE TO BE WATCHED BECAUSE MOST OF THEM ARE RE-USING THE 1988 DATED OBVERSE DIE, ONLY THE CARDIVAN REVERSE DIE IS NEW.

OTHER CHANGES FROM "IGT" OR "EDT": LALLY'S OF LAS VEGAS SWITCHED TO E-T-T. TRIPLE PLAY LV HAS NEW TOKEN WITH NO ROUTE CO. REVERSE. IN RENO: RENO RIVIERA REMOVED DOLLAR SLOTS AND PLAYHOUSE LOUNGE IS USING IKE DOLLARS.

SPORT OF KINGS LV IS FINALLY UP & RUNNING WITH $1 TOKEN (TWO $1 MACHINES UPSTAIRS IN BACK HALLWAY!); ROYAL HOTEL CASINO LV AGAIN OPEN, BEING MANAGED BY UNITED COIN, WITH SLOTS ONLY AT THIS TIME. $1 TOKEN IS 1992 CT; TROPICANA LV HAS ADDED FIVE MORE $5 TOKENS, SAME DESIGNS AS 1991 SERIES, ONLY DATED 1992. THEY NOW HAVE A $10 GOLD COLOR TOKEN WITH A LARGE SEASHELL DESIGN ALSO DATED 1992.

ANOTHER ONE QUIETLY SNEAKED IN ON EVERYONE AGAIN!! HACIENDA LV HAS A 1992 NCM, SAME DESIGN AS THE 1991. ANOTHER VARIETY SPOTED IN THE HARRAH'S LV SERIES; #4 MARDI GRAS HAS BEEN FOUND WITH HIGH AND LOW MINT MARK. "HOLY COW" (EX-FOXY'S FIREHOUSE) LV OPENED 11-30-92. $1 TOKEN, OF COURSE, HAS A COW ON IT. CLASSIFYING THIS AS AN ALL SLOTS CASINO, IT WILL NOT BE LISTED ON THE BARS LIST.

IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THERE ARE COIN ALIGN & MEDAL ALIGN $1 (1992) NCM TOKENS AT RENO HILTON RESORT. COMSTOCK & ELDORADO IN RENO AND SILVER CLUB, SPKS ALL NOW HAVE "SILVER STRIKE" .25 SLOTS WITH $7 SILVER TOKENS AS PAY OUTS. ANOTHER PREVIOUSLY UN-REPORTED TOKEN WAS TURNED UP AT RED LION CASINO (NOT RED LION MOTEL) ELKO. A (1990) LM.

ALL NEW BAR TOKENS AT: LAS VEGAS;--CHRIS'S PLACE, THE SPORTS PUB, CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS, FOXFIRE, MUG SHOTS (WEST ONLY), SUBURBAN SPORTS LOUNGE, SNEAKERS, WEST HILL LANES, HIGHLANDER LOUNGE. MEADOWS LOUNGE IS NOW BARLEY POP'S WITH NEW $1 TOKEN. VINE STREET CAFE 2 VARITIES; TYPE I-CT ON BLOCK OF METAL, TYPE II-CT ON SMOOTH SURFACE. FERDINANDS NEW (1992) IS LARGE CT, (1991) WAS SMALL CT. RAM'S HEAD LOUNGE & TUMBLEWEED BAR (1992) TOKENS ARE E-T-T ROUTE CO.

ANOTHER MIND BENDER IS CAVALIER (1992) NCM WITH 1989 DATED OBVERSE DIE & 1991 DATED ANCHOR COIN REVERSE DIE. THE ONLY (1992) DIFFERENCE IS THE MINT MARK. BEANO'S CASINO 7200 LAKE MEAD (1992) TOKEN HAS CT MINT MARK ON BLOCK OF METAL. SAME PREVIOUS DIES USED FOR BOTH SIDES, ONLY MINT MARK WAS CHANGED.

FIRST ROUTE COMPANY TOKEN IN NLV IS AT PECOS SALOON 3704 E OWENS. (1992) CT UNITED COIN. THERE IS A NEW TOKEN AT NEW TOWN TAVERN 600 W JACKSON. AS THERE ARE POKER TABLES HERE ALSO, THIS ONE WILL BE LISTED UNDER CASINOS.

ALBERTO'S, LAUGHLIN NEW TOKEN. FROM "IGT" TO CARDIVAN WITH MINT MARK ON BLOCK OF METAL. ALSO (1992) CT TOKEN AT THE HIDEOUT ON CASINO DR, LAUGHLIN. THERE IS A SILVER PROOF AVAILABLE AT THE GATEWAY INN, RENO FOR THE 1992 LM TOKEN. SEEMS THE STORES ARE STARTING TO HAVE SOME ACTIVITY AGAIN. SMITH'S FOOD & DRUG LV (1992)/1991 NCM ANCHOR COIN JUST OUT. SCOLARI'S FOOD & DRUG IN THE RENO AREA (1992) CT CARDIVAN. CT IS LARGE.

COLORADO: THIS HAS BEEN THE AREA WITH THE MOST DRASTIC CHANGES FOR THIS PERIOD OF TIME!

IN BLACKHAWK; OTTO'S ADDED $5 TOKEN, GREGORY ST. CASINO ADDED $5 CHIPCO, LUCKY STAR ADDED $5 BJ CHIP. BLACKHAWK STATION ADDED 21 TABLES USING ONLY $1 TOKENS. CHIPS ARE ON ORDER. THE $5 CHIP REPORTED HERE LAST TIME WAS AN ERROR. NEWLY OPENED BRONCO BILLY'S $1 TOKEN & $5 BJ CHIP (SAME OWNERS AS BRONCO BILLY'S CRIPPLE CREEK), LILLY BELLE'S $1 TOKEN, $1 & $5 CHIPCOS, GILPIN HOTEL $1 & $5 TOKENS, $1 & $5 CHIPCOS. GOLDEN GATES CASINO OPENED 11-21-92, $5 CHIPCO, $1 & $5 TOKENS WITH NO MINT MARKS. YOU WILL ALSO FIND, ON BOTH $1 & $5 TOKENS, "BLACK HAWK, CO" HAS BEEN STAMPED INTO THE TOKEN AFTER THE DIE WAS CUT!! THE STAMP HAS BEEN REPORTED TO VARY SLIGHTLY , WITH SOME CUTTING INTO THE UPPER RIM. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HEARING IF ANYONE FINDS THESE WITHOUT THE STAMP!

ROLLING INN DISCONTINUED $1 CHIPS. VERY UNEXPECTEDLY THE NEW SILVER HAWK CLOSED 11-8-92. THERE ARE RUMORS THIS ONE HAS BEEN SOLD AND WILL OPEN AGAIN AT A LATER DATE, POSSIBLY WITH THE SAME NAME.

IN CENTRAL CITY; TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN LAST ISSUE, DILLIONS DOUBLE EAGLE IS NOT CLOSED AS REPORTED.

BONANZA ADDED $1 CHIPCO FOR POKER TABLES ONLY, $5 H&C STILL ON 21 TABLES. MAYOR WILLIE'S RE-INSTATED 21 TABLES USING SAME $5 CHIPCO AS BEFORE. TELLER HOUSE ISSUED $5 CHIPCO TO COMMEMORATE ONE YEAR OF GAMING ON 10-1-92, BY 11-15 IT WAS WITHDRAWN & REMAINING STOCKS DESTROYED. ONE OF THE MOST SHORT LASTING ISSUES WE HAVE HEARD OF!!

NEWLY OPENED 11-27-92 CENTRAL PALACE $1 & $5 TOKENS, $1 & $5 BJ CHIPS. ALL WITH A "GIRL ON A SWING" LOGO. RED HORSE CASINO OPENED WITH $1 (1992) NCM TOKEN AND CLOSED

AFTER ONLY 16 DAYS! TOLL GATE DISCONTINUED $5 TOKEN. CLOSED ARE: MOLLY'S & GRUBSTAKE, BOTH 11-13 AND TERPS ON 11-30

IN CRIPPLE CREEK; MAVERICK'S CASINO ADDED $5 H&C CHIP, MIDNIGHT ROSE ADDED $1 H&C CHIP, SILVER MINE ADDED $5 CHIPCO. GOLDEN HORSESHOE ADDED $1 CHIPCO FOR POKER TABLES ONLY AND THERE IS A PROOF TOKEN IN PLASTIC CASE AT THE CASHIER WHILE THEY LAST.

NEWLY OPEN IS WILD, WILD WEST WITH $1 TOKEN ONLY. CALAMITY JO'S $1 & $5 TOKENS. $5 TOKENS ALSO USED ON 21 TABLES SO NO CHIPS HERE AND CALAMITY JO'S IS NOW CLOSED!

STAR CASINO CLOSED POKER TABLES FOR THE WINTER AND DISCONTINUED $5 TOKENS. PALACE HOTEL DISCONTINUED BOTH $1 CHIP AND $5 TOKEN. BRASS ASS DISCONTINUED USE OF THE ORIGINAL $1 BLACK METAL TOKEN, NOW USING THE NEWER $1 SHINY BRASS TOKEN ONLY. LONG BRANCH DISCONTINUED $5 TOKEN, INDEPENDENCE HOTEL DISCONTINUED $5 CHIPS, AND GOLD RUSH DISCONTINUED $1 CHIPS.

CLOSED ARE; NARROW GAUGE 11-8, MADAM JUNE'S AND TURF CLUB BOTH CLOSED FOR WINTER ON 11-15. BOWL OF GOLD AND LOOSE CABOOSE BOTH CLOSED FOR WINTER ON 11-30, THESE TWO ARE REPORTED TO BE RE-MODELED AND RE-OPENED IN THE SPRING.

NOW THAT SHOULD BE PLENTY FOR YOU TO DIGEST FROM HERE FOR THIS TIME!! TO BE CONTINUED---

DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA; THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY HERE. EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE HOLDING THE STATUS QUO FOR NOW. THERE IS A NEW HOTEL BEING BUILT CALLED THE MINERAL PALACE BUT THEY HAVE ANNOUNCED IT WILL BE A HOTEL ONLY WITH NO GAMING.

LUCKY MINER TOOK OUT ALL DOLLAR MACHINES, TOKEN IS GONE. GOLD STREET TOOK OUT TABLES, $5 CHIP IS GONE. BUTCH CASSIDY CHIPS AND $1 TOKENS ARE OBSOLETE.

MISSISSIPPI: RIVERBOATS HERE MUST FLOAT ON WATER BUT, UNLIKE IOWA & ILLINOIS, DO NOT HAVE TO LEAVE THE DOCK! THEY MAY NOT EVEN BE CONSIDERED "RIVERBOATS" BUT "FLOATING CASINOS"! OPEN TO DATE ARE;BILOXI BELLE, BILOXI $1-$2.50-$5 H&C CHIPS, .25-$1 & $5 TOKENS; THE PRESIDENT, BILOXI $1-$2.50-$5 H&C CHIPS. TWO .25 TOKENS, DICE & 3 7'S SLOT WINDOW. TWO $1 TOKENS, 21 HAND & ROULETTE WHEEL. ALSO A $5 TOKEN WITH ANTIQUE SLOT MACHINE; ISLE OF CAPRI (WHICH IS THE COMBINATION OF DIAMOND LADY & EMERALD LADY FROM IOWA) $1-$2.50-$5 H&C CHIPS. $1 TOKEN WITH OTHERS TO BE ISSUED YET; CASINO MAGIC, BAY ST. LOUIS, MISS. $1 & $5 BJ CHIPS. $1 & $5 TOKENS; SPLASH CASINO, TUNICA, MISS. $1-$2.50-$5 H&C CHIPS. .25-$1-$5 TOKENS.

CALIFORNIA; NEW $5 CHIP AT NORMANDIE CASINO, GARDENA BJ YEL 4 SM SPT GRN--BLK GRN WHT CI, HOLOGRAM CIRCLE AROUND CI.

MARYLAND; CHIPCO HAS NOW INVADED THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT GAMES IN PRINCE GEORGES COUNTY, MARYLAND! CRESCENT CITIES JC'S GAMES AT SILVER HILL VFD HAVE $1 BLK GRN YEL RED BLU & $5 GRN YEL BLK RED. THERE ARE ALSO $25 GREEN & $100 PURPLE. S.T.INC. (SIKH TEMPLE) GAMES AT BELTVILLE VFD, $1 RED WHT BLU & $5 WHT RED CHIPCOS.

INDIAN CASINOS: COLORADO; UTE MOUNTAIN CASINO AT TOWOAC OPEN 9-4-92. $1 & $5 BJ CHIPS, $1 & $5 TOKENS. WASHINGTON; LUMMI CASINO AT BELLINGHAM HAS ADDED .50 & $1 HRS HDS RT CHIPS. ARIZONA; THE DIFFICULTIES HERE HAVE BEEN SETTLED. YAVAPAI-PRESCOTT INDIAN TRIBE HAS NEW $1 TOKEN, 1992 HH IN GOLD COLOR. FT. McDOWELL WILL BE GETTING NEW SLOTS SOON.

MICHIGAN; OJIBWA CASINO, BARAGA HAS $1 TOKEN AND NEW CHIPS, .50-$1-$5 BJ. LAC VIEUX DESERT (LVD) CASINO, WATERSMEET HAS $1 TOKEN.

WISCONSIN: NEW TOKENS AT; MAJESTIC PINES, BLACK RIVER FALLS; ONEIDA BINGO CASINO, GREEN BAY (MINT MARK IS "MM"-COULD THIS BE MASTERPIECE MEDALLIONS??); RAINBOW CASINO, NEKOOSA $1 & $5 BOTH DATED 1993 BUT FOUND IN PLAY 11-21-92. "MOLE LAKE CASINOS" $1 & $5 TOKENS IN PLAY AT GRAND ROYALE CASINO, MOLE LAKE, WISC. ISLE VISTA CASINO, RED CLIFF HAS NEW $1 TOKEN AND $1-$2.50-$5 CHIPCOS THAT ARE REALLY IMPRESSIVE!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE COMPUTER GENERATED LISTS FOR ANY OF THESE PLACES, SEE LISTS FOR SALE ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE. ANYONE NEEDING LISTINGS OF MY ABBREVIATIONS IN THE COLUMN PLEASE SEND LONG SASE FOR FREE ABBREVIATION SHEETS TO JANICE O'NEAL 1836 FISK RD HOWELL MI 48843.

A BELATED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. ALSO A VERY BIG "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE THAT HAS TAKEN THE TIME TO CONTRIBUTE INFORMATION PIECE BY PIECE TO KEEP THE UPDATE COLUMN GOING!!

UNTIL NEXT TIME-----AS ALWAYS JANICE O'NEAL

VOTERS SAY 'NO' TO GAMING EXPANSION

By Robert H. Gaarder R-304

In November, Colorado voters overwhelmingly rejected several proposals to expand gambling into 27 other cities in the state. At the same time, voters approved a referendum that will require a local vote by affected communities if expanded gambling is ever approved. As a result of the vote, investors plan to proceed with plans to build hotels and other support businesses in the three mountain towns where gambling is legal. In the first year, gambling brought more than $155 million to those three mountain towns.

Overbuilding in the three towns continues to take its toll and as of late November the following casinos are now closed:

CRIPPLE CREEK	CENTRAL CITY	BLACKHAWK
Narrow Guage	Gilded Garter	Claim Jumper
Turf Club	Miners Pick	Silver Hawk
Madam June's	Red Horse	
Calamity Jo's	Gold Star	
	Crystal Carosel	
	Grubstake	
	Molly's	

Some of these establishments may re-open, so the tokens and chips should not be considered obsolete.

1992 was the year of the casinos in Colorado. 1993 will be the year of baseball, as the new Colorado Rockies team begins play in the National League. Anyone out there collect BASEBALLS??

To break ground

The Hard Rock Cafe America will break ground for a 325-room casino hotel here in the spring.

The 12-story complex, which will be built next to the Hard Rock Cafe on Paradise Road, is the restaurant chain's first venture into the casino hotel business.

Plans include guitar-shaped roulette, blackjack and craps tables, 650 slot machines and a sports bar overlooking a sports book.

Decor will include rock memorabilia with gold records, guitars, rock costumes and posters decorating the walls.

Hard Rock Cafe America had planned to develop the property with Harrah's, however those plans have been dropped.

The chain is expected to gross $115 million in 1992, according to the company.

Stardust cashier sought

Police are looking for William John Brennan, a sports-book cashier who is missing from the Stardust Hotel as well as a half-million dollars' worth of cash and gaming tokens.

Brennan, who worked for the Stardust since October 1988, was supposed to collect money and tokens from the sports book, count them and deposit them at a cashier's cage at 2 a.m.

When he failed to show up for the count, hotel employees called police to apprehend the 34-year-old native of Palmertown, Pa.

The tokens were in large denominations, between $1,000 and $5,000, and the cash in smaller denominations. Lt. Joe Greenwood, head of the fraud and embezzlement detail, said that it would be almost impossible for a person to cash the tokens in. He also said that Brennan had neither a gambling nor a drug problem, and no criminal record.

LAS VEGAS — At a public auction, Debbie Reynolds and her producer husband Richard Hamlett bid $2.2 million for the 193-room Paddlewheel hotel/casino, plus $850,000 for an adjacent two acres of land.

The property, located on Convention Center Drive, was owned by Horn & Hardart Co. of Weehawken, N.J.

Reynolds and Hamlett had made an offer to developer Bob Snow for Main Street Station but he lost control of the property in bankruptcy court in August.

Plans for the Paddlewheel are to remodel it and build a theater and a museum for Debbie Reynolds' collection of Hollywood motion picture memorabilia that she has stored in Los Angeles.

Plans also include a slot arcade but no table games.

NEVADA COIN MART

By Dave Harvey R-182

The NCM mint mark is of course recognized by all token collectors as Nevada Coin Mart. The personnel at NCM are really dedicated to putting out the highest quality product possible, which is what I believe that "NCM" on a gaming token represents.

NCM, from the Aladdin to the Westward Ho; The Desert Inn to the Golden Nugget; The Mirage and Excalibur to Harvey's Tahoe; and the Red Dolly in Colorado to the Buffalo Saloon in South Dakota, NCM has minted the tokens. According to Nevada Gaming Control Board records, NCM manufactures about 85% of all gaming tokens in Nevada.

It all starts in two places. The blank planchets and the design.

Before we start the manufacturing process, let's discuss NCM's metal. They have recently introduced a new alloy that is 22% lighter in weight than the previous normal alloy. Why is lighter better? Well, for one example; Riverboats. 800,000 regular tokens weigh 38,000 pounds (19 tons). 800,000 composite alloy tokens weigh 30,050 pounds (15 tons). Now the boat can carry more passengers (players). Machine hoppers are limited in how much they can hold according to weight not volume. A decrease of 22% in weight means an increase of 22% in hopper contents before refilling is needed. This alloy is also very durable. There are fewer nicks and scratches on the surfaces of the blanks. This of course means a sharper surface and a more attractive token, which is good news for us collectors.

The token alloy comes in three types: Copper; Aureate; and Nickel. Copper has it's bright color, aureate has a gold color, and nickel has a silver color. I am sure that all of you token collectors have seen these metals.

The design process is fairly straight forward. NCM artists, or the casino hotel artists, come up with the token design. The example shown in Figure "A" is a piece of actual artwork as submitted to the State of Nevada Gaming Control Board. This governing body requires many different specifications to accompany a token design. The size, weight, diameter, denomination, composition, casino name in the proper places, and the words "Gaming Token" must appear on the token, etc.

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"NEVADA COIN MART" (continued)

Now that we have the design, let's mint the actual token:

Fig. 1 The alloy is mixed in a blast furnace and molten metal is formed into ingots.
Fig. 2 Ingots pass through a rolling mill, forming long strips of the alloy.
Fig. 3 The alloy strips go through a blanking press where the token blanks are formed.
Fig. 4 Blanks go through a rimming (or upsetting) process. This gives the blanks bevelled edges.
Fig. 5 Rimmed blanks are run through a burnishing machine to remove burrs or rough spots on the edges.
Fig. 6 Dies are cut on high tech computer aided machinery.
Fig. 7 Dies are checked for hardness.
Fig. 8 Blanks undergo a final inspection.
Fig. 9 Blanks are coined, or struck.
Fig. 10 Finished tokens are inspected.

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Close inspection reveals any flaws in the minting process. Details must be sharp and clean to pass N.C.M. quality control standards.

From a collectors point of view, mintage figures are secret. But NCM personel reveal that small bars, restaurants, stores, etc. run 1,000 to 5,000 tokens, whereas for large hotel casinos they strike anywhere from 100,000 to 4 million tokens.

I personally don't collect tokens in anticipation that they will rise in value. I just collect them for my personal satisfaction; plus gaming is my other hobby. However, if you think that rarity will make a token rise in value, then small bars and stores may be the thing to collect.

Figures 11 & 12, in this writer's opinion, are two of the finest examples of NCM token artistry to be found. In fact, this writer intends to nominate the Red Dolly token for "Token Of The Year" honors.

Well, there you have it. My visit to NCM. (I really didn't visit the mint. Security is tighter than the Manhatan Project.) My sincere thanks to Mr. Stan Zurawski, Scott Martin, Joann Urbancic and Dawn Annillo of NCM for their courtesy and hospitality shown to me.

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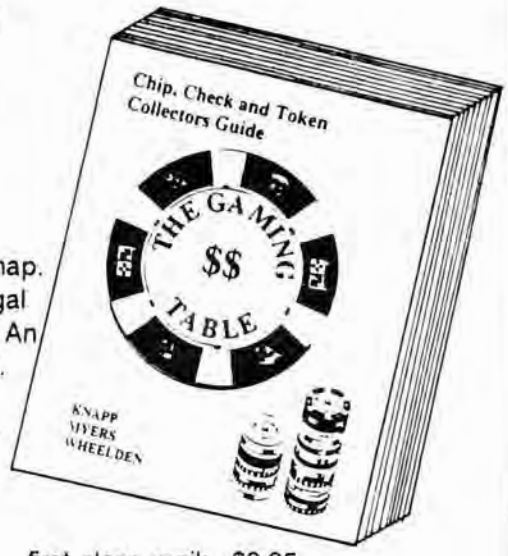

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Another Trip--Another Chip

(Recent Travels Of Ed & Linda Barcik)
by Ed Barcik

I became affiliated with the Chip Collectors group by accident but have enjoyed my membership and what I've learned to date. I found the organization when I stopped in the chip store in Atlantic City during one of my many visits and the proprietor suggested that I join the club, so I did.

While I am not an aficionado of the casino and gaming business; I'm fascinated with the games, the odds and the players. I am well versed in all casino gaming but attempting to win for 15 years has become quite a chore. I began collecting chips about that long ago, basically because I wanted a chip from every casino where I had played. It seems that my wife loves to gamble, okay, but she has now surpassed my small gambling strategies and wagering, so I just go along with her on our many trips to US casinos. She is a full comp player and has had significant luck over the past year. We have been to many casinos around the world and always like to stop and check on casinos wherever we may be going if at all possible. This brings me to the purpose of this story.

Recently, we took a trip to Europe and the Mediterranean and, of course, we visited all the casinos that we could.

Our trip began in Monte Carlo, where most of the European gambling scene began, I suppose. We arrived in Nice in the late afternoon and rented a car and drove to Monte Carlo. We had been there before so it was easy to find our way. This is a very clean and rich place to visit.

I was surprised not to find any cash machines that withdrew money from your accounts, ala, Green Machine, etc. Only cash advances from credit cards were to be had. This is against all my principles since I like to gamble with funds that I have on hand. I don't like to pay interest or service charges on money that is really mine. The reason that I mention the cash machines is because if there is an available machine, it will give you funds in the local currency and are charged back to your account at the legal exchange rate and you will avoid the usual exchange commissions and service charges that are associated with cash transactions. The one casino, Sun Casino, was charging a 10% commission on the transaction and then they were giving less than the exchange rate when you exchanged the currency.

The only shortcoming in Monte Carlo was that there was a $15.00 charge to get into the Casino De Monte Carlo (the one James Bond goes to) because they wish to discourage tourists from going into the establishment and watching the "high rollers" play. Since I didn't pay the cover charge, I have no idea whether James was there or not. We stayed at the Loew's Monte Carlo, a very plush, ritzy hotel, with all the usual amenities so we just gambled there. Naturally we picked up a couple of sample 5 and 25 franc chips. We also gambled at the Sun Casino which was a short walk from the Loew's. The big game in Monte Carlo and just about everywhere else in Europe seems to be Roulette. Few blackjack tables and few crap tables in Monte Carlo. They also like the video poker and slot machines. I do believe that their dollar (5ff) slot machines are merely converted .25 machines which will, of course lessen your chances to cash in on a big jackpot. The casinos in Monte Carlo were open early except the Casino De Monte Carlo. I believe they opened at 11:00 AM for slot players and 5:00PM for table games and closed at 4:00 AM. They require jackets in the evening but that's it, any kind of

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jacket, they don't care.

Anyway, we stayed for two days and it rained. Off to Warsaw Poland. Very nice, interesting European city with immense history. We stayed at the Marriott in Warsaw and were again impressed with the accommodations. This is truly an old world hotel, although it is new, it lives by the old standards. We had purchased the International Casino Guide prior to our departure (suggested by Mike Knapp) which helped immensely but had some outdated information. First, the casino at the Marriott was open 24 hours which was not noted in the book. Next the currency was stated as USD, which had been changed to the local currency, the zloty. That was the only problem that we encountered. All dealers spoke english, although they mostly spoke polish. The pit boss would observe the players and when they noticed someone that didn't speak polish, they would whisper to the dealer what other language to speak. Quite a feat since the dealers probably spoke several(5 or so) languages and would just begin to speak english to us, as if they knew we were Americans(how could they possibly know). It was required that a paper be signed to gain entry to the casino on a daily basis. Again, the most popular game was roulette but they also had several blackjack tables going. The big players were at the roulette tables, no craps whatsoever. The big problem in Poland, everyone smokes and I mean everyone. It must be what the US was like 50 years ago. The casino was full of smoke and the players(Polish) could care less if the smoke was bothering you. I can't imagine what kind of cigarettes they were smoking, but let me tell you, Camels would have been a treat. They like to pretend that they have a dress code and we were not given admittance because I had jeans on and my wife wore tennis shoes. They were adamant about it and we had to go change before we were admitted to the Queen's Casino. This casino is in the basement of the Russian building and is quite a plush place. Again, they stiff you on the exchange but that is to be expected and in a new country like Poland, it didn't hurt as bad as Monte Carlo. We stayed in Poland for several days, visited several other casinos.

When we left Poland, we proceeded to Lithuania, no casinos, no heat, no hot water, no food. Unbelievable.....fortunately, we only stayed for a couple of days and I couldn't wait to get out of there. I wanted to visit because my grandmother was born there and I'm sure if she had been alive and gone with us, she certainly would have recognized it because the only thing that changed in 100 years is that they now have cars.

From Lithuania we flew to Athens Greece. There are several casinos there but the hours of operation prohibited us from going because we only stayed overnight before leaving on a cruise of the Mediterranean.

Upon boarding the ship in Piraus, Greece, we immediately checked out the casino. Wow, 2 blackjack tables, 10 slot machines and a roulette wheel. The casino was run by British people that worked for Casinos, Austria, who, by the way seem to run most of the casinos in Europe.

At this point, I might mention that all the casinos that we visited played European style blackjack. For those of you who do not know the difference, I will explain. It is just like the American version except that the dealer only gets one card up, no down card. After the players have taken all their hits, the dealer get his second card. While I have always assumed that it is the same game, it definitely isn't. You figure it out. We played on the ship several times during our two week stay but it was unusually difficult to get someone to open the casino, on time or at all.

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THE ILLINOIS RIVERBOATS

Robert W. Cook
Michael Knapp

In previous issues of the *Casino Chip and Token News*, you have read about the first Midwestern riverboats, all of which were located in Iowa. Several of those riverboats, as you have also read in recent issues, have now departed for Mississippi, and the Iowa riverboat "industry" may well be on its way out. The reason is the competition of the Illinois riverboats, which Robert Cook has been investigating for us.

If you recall, the Iowa riverboats were heavily restricted by the State, in a manner similar to the casinos of Deadwood, SD, and Black Hawk, Central City, and Cripple Creek, CO. A cruise ticket must be purchased to board the riverboats, and buy-ins are limited to $200 per cruise. The maximum bet permitted in any game is $5. When the Illinois legislature passed its statute authorizing riverboat gambling, it did not set mandatory limits either on players' buy-ins or on maximum wagers. The only table limits set are those set by the riverboat operators themselves.

The first Illinois boat to open was the Alton Belle, which first sailed on September 10, 1991. Based in Alton, Illinois, the riverboat is much closer to St. Louis, Missouri, which is only 30 miles downriver, than it is to Chicago, which is almost 300 miles north and east. Like the Iowa riverboats, the Alton Belle is built on the 19th Century style of sternwheeler.

155 feet long, and 40 feet wide, the Alton Belle has three decks, and will carry 500 passengers at a time. The President, the first Iowa riverboat, for comparison purposes, was 300 feet long, and the Diamond Lady and Emerald Lady were each 200 feet long. All three of those riverboats are now in Mississippi. Robert comments that unlike the Iowa

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boats, the Alton Belle seemed more like a riverboat-themed casino than an attempt to recreate tht atmosphere and feel of an early 19th-Century riverboat. More than 300 slot machines, blackjack, roulette, craps, and one baccarat table are available for play.

The table minimums are closer to those in Atlantic City than those in Iowa: $5 and $10 minimums were common, with $300 to $500 table maximums. There are no $2.50 chips in use on the Alton Belle; $5 blackjacks are paid using $1 chips and 25¢ tokens. Tokens are in 25¢, $1 and $5 denominations.

The second of the Illinois riverboats to sail was the Par-A-Dice, based in East Peoria, IL. The Par-A-Dice was the subject of a separate article in Vol. 5, No. 1 (winter, 1992). Casino Rock Island, the third Illinois boat, is a carefully constructed replica of an early 19th Century riverboat, and is approximately the same size as the Diamond Lady and Emerald Lady: 220 feet, with a passenger capacity of 600.

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TRAVELIN' WITH THE SANDERSONS

"DOLLAR GAMING TOKENS .....$200 EACH??"

By Arthur Sanderson R-107

Not long after "touch down" at McCarren we were in a rented car heading North on Highway 15, to cut off on 93 for "Caliente". The Knotty Pine Restaurant is there and they have dollar tokens. Muriel, my "noted observer", brought to my attention the T-shirts that read "A KNOTTY GIRL", with matching cap. She isn't, so I didn't buy one.

On North is the town of Pioche, and the ALAMO CLUB, that just might have tokens and chips. Muriel said that she would watch the car so I went in alone. No tokens or chips.... YET. There was a dead "21" table off the end of the bar and I had the distinct feeling if I laid a twenty on the felt, a dealer, with a rack of chips, would appear from nowhere.

We decided to spend the night, if we could find a place with enough room to get the car off the road. The whole town is built on the side of a mountain. Found a real nice motel, and after dinner went back to the ALAMO CLUB. Still no chips or tokens, but Mr. Ray Johnston is expecting his gaming license very soon.

In the morning we head North again and about ten miles out of town there's a sign that reads, "NEXT GAS 80 MILES". We had lots of fuel, having filled up at Ash Springs the day before. Muriel was a little leary and proved her point (after 80 miles) when we got to "Major's Place"..... and it was all boarded up.

We weren't EMPTY and would gas up at "Baker", 35 miles East. The town of Baker is the address of the "BORDER INN" (they have tokens) off of Highway 50 on 487. We saw only one person in Baker.... no gas station..... or BORDER INN. "It's back on 50 at the Utah line, about 12 miles" he tells us. NOW we're EMPTY!! We both sat light and coasted... whenever. We made it and got both gas and tokens. That was the last time Muriel let the tank get below three quarters for the rest of the trip. After backtracking on 50 to "Ely" we cut South on 6 toward "Tonopah" for the night.

The next day we drove to "Hawthorne" to see the EL CAPITAN CASINO and JOE'S TAVERN. Had intentions of going to SOPER'S LODGE in Montgomery, but the pass was snowed full..... so back to Tonapah. During the evening we met "Willy Wolf" who originally owned the casino in Montgomery and sold it to Mr. Soper. Now Willy is trying to revive the SILVER STRIKE which he admits is a losing battle. The excuse is that they built a motel on the parking lot and now there is no place to put cars!

Everytime we got above 7,000 feet it was snowing. Below that it was sleet, and in the valleys it was just rain... the whole trip. I didn't mention it before for fear that you'd want to turn back.

The entire trip netted 4 needed tokens. That breaks down to about $200 each. But, look at all the fun we had!!!

'OUR TRIP TO EGYPT'

TRAVELS OF ANOTHER TOKEN COLLECTOR

By William J. Lonergan R-244

Recently I travelled with my wife and son on vacation to Egypt. Our Cairo hotel, the Ramses Hilton, came complete with casino. It was a nice clean new looking small room, open from 4 p.m. to 8 a.m.

There were six blackjack tables open, three bacarrat tables, two roulettes and a dozen or so slot machines. Most slot machines were video poker with a couple of 3 reel types interspersed. It was very quiet! All gambling was done with U.S. currency. Table minimums were $5 and the slot machines were .50 cents and $1. The chips were Bud Jones with round metal inserts, except for the .50 chips. These were solid plastic with gold hot stamp on both sides. The dollar is blue with three green and there is a $5 red with 6 blue green inserts. The metal tokens were a 28mm copper nickel dollar and a .50 brass token 26mm. All of the chips and tokens were nearly new and I managed to get some fine specimens for my collection and several duplicates for trading.

The Ramses Hilton is a world class hotel with great rooms and eating places. Our room had a view of the Nile River, right next to the hotel and a view of the pyramids in the distance.

For the next two days, we toured the immediate area of Cairo and learned much about ancient Egypt. My general feeling is that I was not prepared for the significance of what I was seeing. The pictures and written articles that I had been familiar with did not do justice to the monuments and temples.

Inflation has been a problem for Egypt so the only coins in circulation are a 5 peseta brass coin and 10 peseta copper nickel coin. The balance of commerce was done with notes of 25 pes, 50 pes, 1, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100 pound notes. One pound is worth about .32 cents in U.S. money. The lower denomination bills, 10 pounds or less, were found in either new, nearly new, or ratty beyond belief. U.S. currency, not coins, was in great demand. A batch of $1 and $5 bills were very handy for tips and small purchases. Foreign exchange booths were available everywhere but we needed to be vigilant, even when dealing with banks, as we were often short-changed.

The weather was very hot and humid. The day we toured the Kom Ombo Temple, the air temperature was 120 degrees. We all learned to use sun screen and to drink lots of water. Cold bottled water is reasonable, less than $1 U.S. for 1 1/2 liters, and was available virtually everywhere.

On the 4th day, we flew south to Luxor, Ancient Thebes, in upper Egypt. We toured temples and tombs in the area for 3 days. The hotel accommodations were on a "Cruise Ship" which provided comfortable quarters although very compact. There was not a casino on the ship but we were tied up at the Luxor Hilton, which did have a casino. Their casino was run by the "Euro Casino Group". The chips were $1 hot stamped yellow clay with 2 pink inserts and a scroll mold. The larger denominations were similar, with different colors for values. The tokens were 24.3mm copper nickel with identical lettering on both sides. No value was on the tokens, but they were valued at $1 U.S. in this casino.

The cruise ship then headed south, up river, stopping at several temple sites before finally tying up at Aswan. There are no casinos in Aswan so I had to be content with sight-seeing which included an airplane excursion to see the temples of Abu Simbel and the high dam at Aswan.

The market places at Aswan were realy something to experience. No price is really solid; you must haggle. The vendors would be hurt if you didn't haggle a bit. (Ed note; sounds like some chip dealers I know)

The tour continued with an overnite train, pullman, trip to Cairo and then to Alexandria by bus. After two days of touring, I could find no casinos in the Alexandria area. We then returned to Cairo.

At the Nile Hilton, I found another casino operated by the Euro Casino Group. They used the same slot tokens as Luxor Hilton... but valued them at .50 cents! The chips in use were different. They were of a clay composition, white with 3 dark blue inserts and a scroll mold. The .50 chips were the same as at Luxor and again I was unable to walk with any. I did make off with several of the $1 chips and some tokens.

For my collection, I generally try to stick with chips below $5 and tokens of $1 and less. The only time I go above these values is to obtain chips and tokens when no lower values are available.

ITT CORP. APPLIES FOR AN ATLANTIC CITY CASINO LICENSE

The ITT Corporation and its hotel unit, ITT Sheraton, have applied for an Atlantic City casino license. "We are considering either buying a casino, building our own casino or entering into a joint venture with a casino operator," an ITT spokesman said yesterday. He said ITT had visited all 12 casinos in Atlantic City, and had talked to some of the operators about ITT's plans. He declined to elaborate. A spokesman for the state Casino Control Commission said the Hilton Hotels Corporation was the only other company that had applied for a new casino operator's license in Atlantic City. Hilton's application was approved in 1991. ITT Sheraton, with 430 hotels worldwide, owns casinos in Egypt, Australia and St. Maarten. (Bloomberg Business News)

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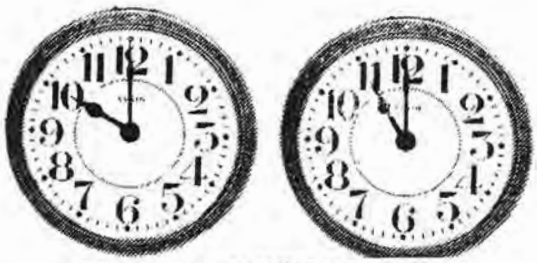

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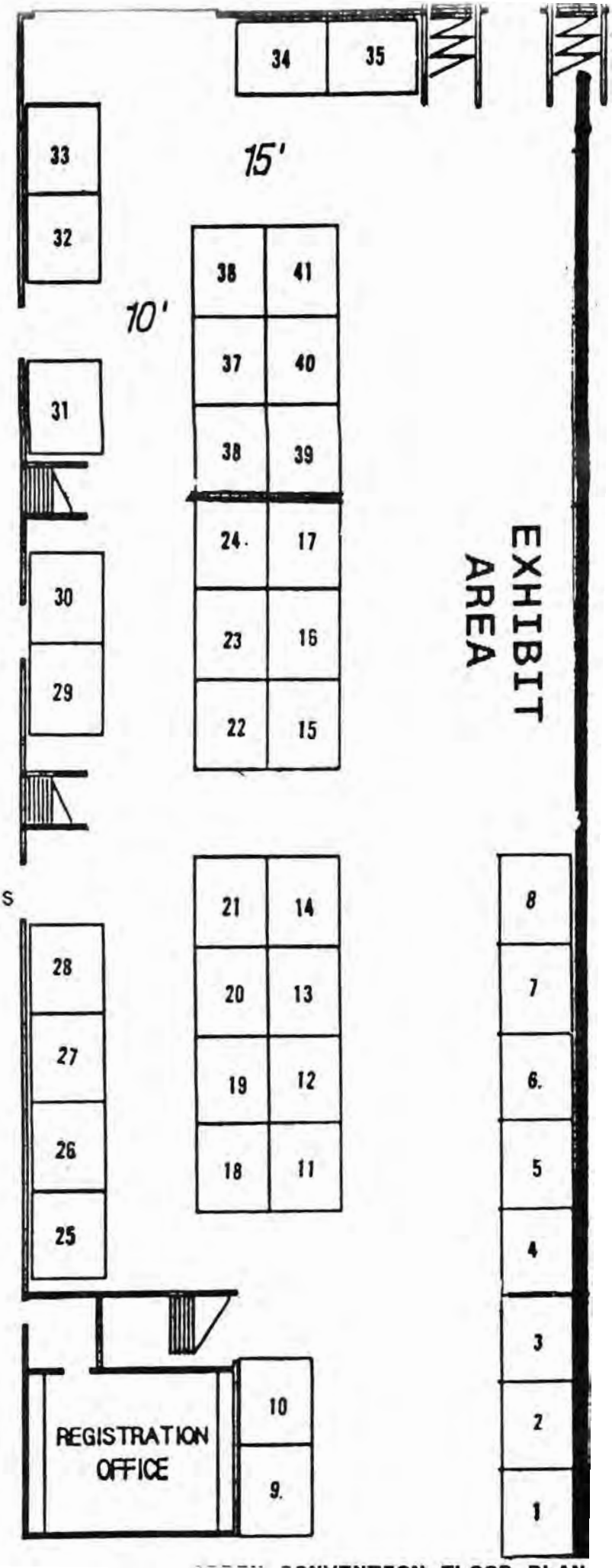

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4:00 p.m.	Club Officers & Convention Committee meeting.
5:30 p.m.	CC&GTCC Officers "EarlyBird" Welcome Wine & Cheese Membership Reception Stop by & meet your club officers.
7:30 p.m.	Members swap session. Bring traders!
8:00 p.m.	Dealers w/tables ONLY! Set-up night
10:00 p.m.	Set-up ends. NO ONE ALLOWED TO ENTER
10:30 p.m.	Bourse room must be vacated

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 1993

8:00 a.m.	Set-up for dealers with tables only
8:00 a.m.	Exhibitors may place displays
10:00 a.m.	Official chip&token cutting ceremony
10:00 a.m.	Convention opens to the public
12:00 noon	All exhibits must be in place
1:00 p.m.	Auction lots on display
1:00 p.m.	Judging of exhibits begins
5:30 p.m.	One-way traffic (exit only) begins
6:00 p.m.	Convention floor must be vacated
6:00 p.m.	After hours security begins
8:00 p.m.	Hospitality room open to members

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1993

8:00 a.m.	Annual continental breakfast business meeting ..... Room Swearing in of new officers. Exhibitor & Awards presentations.
9:30 a.m.	Bourse floor open to dealers with tables only. I.D. BADGES REQUIRED
10:00 a.m.	Convention floor open to the public
10:00 a.m.	Bus Tour from Aladdin to Laughlin departs. Lunch plus a bonus coin package and a tour through Searchlight is included. Must be 21 Cost: Only $8.00 per person.
1:00 p.m.	Educational Forum: ..... room Guest Speaker: TO BE ANNOUNCED Topic: "....."
4:00 p.m.	Exhibitors may tear down.
5:30 p.m.	One-way traffic (exit only) begins.
5:30 p.m.	Security room opens till auction close
5:45 p.m.	Las Vegas Prize drawing.
6:00 p.m.	All exhibits must be removed.
6:00 p.m.	Convention closes.
6:30 p.m.	All dealer tables must be vacated.
7:00 p.m.	Chip & Token Auction. Room .....
9:00 p.m.	Laughlin Bus Tour returns.
12 midnight	Security room must be vacated.

CHIPCO NEW ISSUES

Love 'em or hate 'em..... CHIPCO's are here to stay! I've received a few comments from a couple of disgruntled members who feel that too many special issues, such as "collectors series"; "limited editions"; etc., are being manufactured in an attempt to gouge the collector. Perhaps it is time to re-examine some of our collecting paramaters. Let's face it, everyone can't afford to collect every single chip that is issued world-wide anymore..... if we ever could. With the increasing number of gaming juristictions being approved nationwide, and the prolific growth of new casinos opening up (and closing up as well) it is becoming somewhat expensive for a lot of us to continue to collect the "old" way anymore. For those of us who don't have unlimited funds perhaps it is time to consider limiting ones scope of interest to simply one, or a few states, or to a single country, or to just the lower denonominations of $1 and under in order to keep current.... or to a single manufacturer like CHIPCO... or to only legitimate casinos... not privately issued fantasy chips (including CHIPCO's) that seem to sprout up with some regularity lately.

Is there some unexplained underlying resentment that the newly opened Colorado casinos for example, chose CHIPCO as their primary suppliers of chips instead of Paulson or Bud Jones? Would it make some folks happier if some other manufacturer was selected to make chips for the Colorado casino industry?

The chip collecting hobby is no different than other collectibles fields. Stamp collectors have new commemoratives being released virtually every week, coin collectors have their annual proof sets, uncirculated sets, commemorative issues in gold and silver... and the collector keeps clamoring for more issues to collect. Look at all the different manufacturers of baseball cards that seems to be the rage today..... and the collectors want more and more.... and can't seem to get enough. It seems to me that no one got very upset that Resorts International for example has issued three different series of chips since they opened (and I'm told that a new Merv Griffin's Resorts chip set is on the way). I'm constantly being asked, "when is Trop World going to change over to new chips from the old Tropicana chips that are still in use there"? Ditto for the Del Webb's Claridge chips that are due for a change since Webb has divested all interest in that A.C. property. If TropWorld or Claridge decides to switch to CHIPCO, is that "bad for the hobby" as some are aluding? I think not. Nevada casinos have had chips for the last 50+ years! Europe even longer. Chip collectors in any sizeable numbers were unheard of until the late 1980's. I think that CHIPCO has been a big plus for the hobby. In my opinion, there is no question that many members who belong to this club is directly because they were influenced and turned on by the innovative CHIPCO product.

So, for all of you chip collectors who do admire the colorful beauty and interesting designs that are brightening up our collections, the following pages of illustrations of CHIPCO new issues will enlighten you as to what has been released since the last issue of the club newsletter was published. For those of you who do not care for today's new modern technology, that doesn't make you a bad person. Simply skip these pages and turn to the many articles that do interest you in this publication. There is plenty of room in this hobby for all styles of collecting interests.

Minnesota's Premier Casino
GRAND CASINO
MINNESOTA
$25
$50
$100
NO CASH VALUE

LAKE TAHOE
50

OREGON BLACKJACK
Coos Bay to Clatskanie

OREGON BLACKJACK
Coos Bay to Clatskanie

OREGON BLACKJACK
$5

OREGON BLACKJACK
$10
Coos Bay to Clatskanie

OREGON BLACKJACK
$25

CRACKER FACTORY
BLACK HAWK

$25

NEVADA HOUSE CASINO
ONE DOLLAR

FIVE DOLLARS

OktoberPokerfest
Bicycle Club Casino

OktoberPokerfest
NO CASH VALUE
$5
BELL GARDENS, CA
Bicycle Club Casino

OktoberPokerfest
NO CASH VALUE
$25
BELL GARDENS, CA

OktoberPokerfest
NO CASH VALUE
$100
BELL GARDENS, CA

JUPITERS CASINO
GOLD COAST • AUSTRALIA
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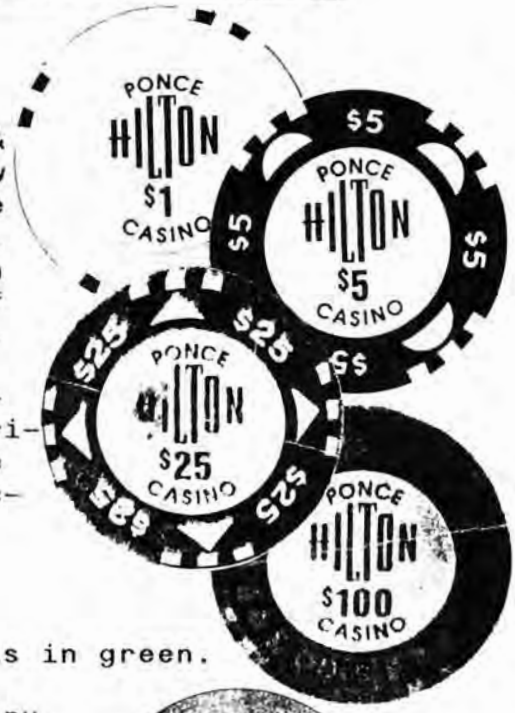
PONCE HILTON OPENS IN PUERTO RICO

By Miguel Carlo CH-075



On November 6, 1992 Puerto Rico's newest hotel & casino opened to the public and issued a brand new series of casino chips. Illustrated here are the new chips from the Ponce Hilton, located in Ponce, Puerto Rico on the south side of the Island. (San Juan is on the north side). The casino is one of the biggest and most modern on the island to date.

The hotel itself is large and modern and will continue to grow as plans for the future include a private beach, disco club, tennis courts, golf course and many other improvements such as stores and recreational facilities.

Regular issue chips include a $1 yellow & white; $5 red & white; $25 green & white; $100 black & green. The lettering in the center of all chips is in green.

The Ponce Hilton roulette chips are numbered #1 thru #6 according to the table they are being played on. In addition, there are seven colors of each number to identiify each player at each of the six tables.

The regular roulette colors are; Yellow/green, purple, red, light blue, white, orange and lilac. For the $5 bettors there are three different $5 chips in use that are used on the roulette tables only.... which differs from the standard $5 chip (illustrated above in the first paragraph) that is used at the other table games.

These $5 roulette colors are grey& white; blue & white; and brown & white (note the absence of the edge inserts blk/wht/blk/wht). ALL of the chips from the roulette tables are extremely hard to obtain since Hilton does not want these chips removed from the tables, due to the limited quantity of chips made, even though the $5 roulete chips have the denomination on them.

ROLLINS SENDS IN NEW CHIPCO'S

Another new Puerto Rico casino, in Isla Verde, called the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza uses colorful CHIPCO's that say "El Tropical Casino San Juan" on them. Illustrated are the $1, $5, & $25. Thanks Albert!

'I MUST GO DOWN TO THE SEAS AGAIN'
AGAIN, AGAIN, AND AGAIN!!

By Art Sanderson R-171

A year ago Muriel and I visited the Gulf Coast of Mississippi to experience the 4-5 hour dinner cruises. Besides the dining and entertainment, they offered casino action..... in state controlled water, as soon as the boat left the dock. At that time there were two boats. The "Europa Jet" out of Gulfport and "La Criuse" in Biloxi. It was so enjoyably different that we did it again, a couple of months later. Then again, a couple of months later.

When we heard that Mississippi was allowing DOCKSIDE gambling..... we just had to go, again, and see.

As of October '92 Biloxi had three casinos in operation. The "Isle of Capri", consisting of the "Diamond" and "Emerald" ladies, two riverboats from Iowa. We had met the "girls" when they were working out of Burlington and Bettendorf. Of course they didn't recognize us, but I know they smiled when we nodded. Now they are tied, on opposite sides of a building, as one.... offering over 600 slots and 45 tables using Isle of Capri chips and tokens.

The "Biloxi Belle", another pretty riverboat type, has 500 slots and 40 tables on three decks.

The third, the "President" is similar to the President at Davenport, Iowa. It has over 500 slots, 28 tables, craps, roulette and poker.

Signs at construction sites indicate that two more casinos are soon to join the dockside crowd in Biloxi.

A couple of "locals" were saying that they thought the "Pride of Mississippi" was in the body shop for cosmetic surgery and would soon be a casino at dockside in Gulfport.

There's a completely different atmosphere at "Casino Magic" in the town of Bay Saint Louis. No riverboat theme here.... more on the Las Vegas style. The property consists of 344 acres. Gambling is offered on a two story steel barge of about 40,000 square feet, with 1,100 slots and 60 tables. The barge is moored in a lighted 100 boat slip marina with an 80' access canal to the bay and the gulf. The completed project will boast four barge casinos around a huge dome... all connected to a support building that will be a hotel and convention center.

From our observation, dockside casinos on the Gulf of Mexico are going to be a big success. We're going again, and again, and again!

Docked at "the Boatworks" in Moline, Illinois, The Casino Rock Island is located in the "Quad Cities" area of Bettendorf and Davenport, Iowa, and Rock Island and Moline, Illinois. Its dock sits directly across the Mississippi River from what used to be The President's berth in Davenport, Iowa. As is customary with the other riverboats, the Casino Rock Island offers slots, video poker, blackjack, craps, and roulette. Baccarat is not available. Unlike the Alton Belle, though, there are some lower minimum tables: $2 blackjack tables can be found at slower times, although there are more $5 minimum tables available.

The Casino Rock Island has 50¢ center insert chips, as well as $1, $5, $25, and $100 chips. Tokens are in the 25¢, $1 and $5 denominations. Robert's observation about the Casino Rock Island was that their dealers were much friendlier than those on the Par-A-Dice, and the atmosphere was closer to an Iowa riverboat than to the other Illinois boats.

The Empress River Casino, the next of the Illinois riverboats to get underway, opened in June, 1992. The chips, the first three denominations of which appear above, include a $2.50 denomination used for blackjack payoffs. The Empress is the first of the Midwestern riverboats to abandon the standard 1830's look, and to adopt a completely

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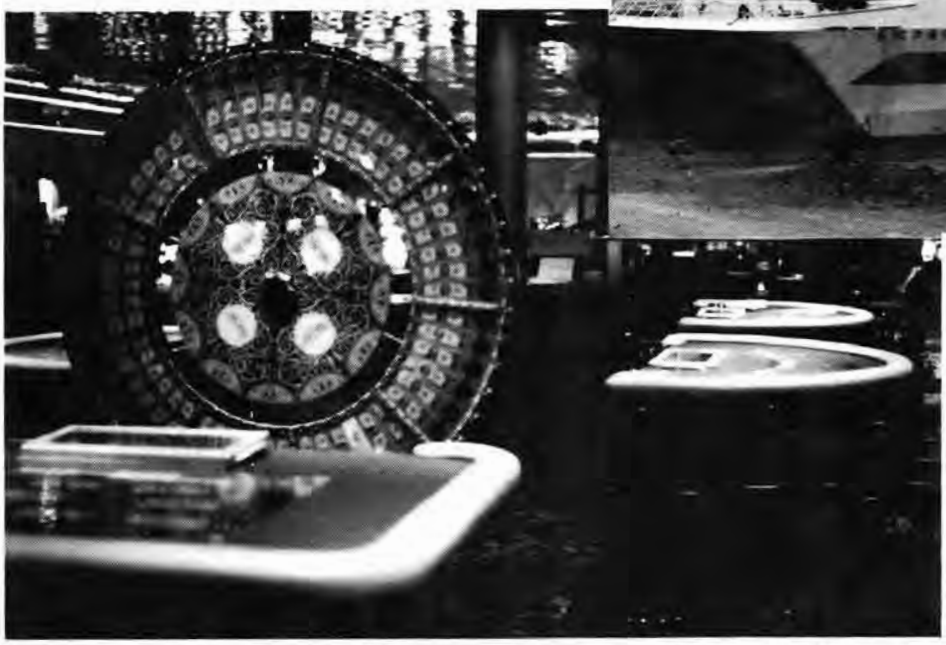

modern, yacht-like appearance. As Robert's photographs show, the exterior of the boat appears substantially smaller than the block-like, open deck antique riverboats, but the interior leaves plenty of room for a modern casino. In fact, at 222 feet long, the Empress is actually one of the larger riverboats in operation. It can serve 1,000 passengers, and contains more than 600 slot machines, 28 blackjack tables, 5 craps tables, 3 roulette games, mini-baccarat, and a big-6 wheel. Its exterior is deceptive, obviously, since both its total passenger capacity and number of games is greater than those of many of its sisters.

Robert comments that aboard the Empress, nothing is free! Coffee, parking, cookies, cocktails and the like are for sale, but are not offered as a complimentary as they are on most of the other boats. The Empress River Casino, on the Des Plaines River, is docked in Joliet, Illinois, and is the closest of the Illinois riverboats to Chicago.

The Empress marks the first major effort by Nevada gaming figures to try their hands in the Midwest's gambling boom. The boat is operated and managed by the Fitzgeralds group of Phil Griffith and Jerome Turk. Griffith was with Howard Hughes' Summa Corp., and was president of the Sands and Harolds Club during Summa's ownership of the hotels. He formed Lincoln Management Co. and purchased Fitzgerald's in Reno. Turk purchased the Sundance Hotel in Las Vegas in 1988, and teamed up with Griffith to convert it into Fitzgerald's Las Vegas.

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The Silver Eagle riverboat opened late in June, 1992, the last of the group. Originally planned to be named the Galena Eagle, after the city in which it is berthed, the boat changed ownership before opening, resulting in the name change to Silver Eagle. Like the Empress, the Silver Eagle is a modern yacht-like vessel rather than a paddlewheeler or sternwheeler. Robert admits to having a bias against the modern, sleek-looking ships, having been "brought up" on the Iowa 1800's-style boats, but he also allows that the first time he cruised on the Silver Eagle, he had the most enjoyable cruise he'd been on since riverboat gambling came to the Midwest.

It's his belief that the Illinois boats which are located closest to their Iowa rivals are the friendliest, and offer the most in customer amenities. Complimentary entertainment and hors d'oeuvres on board, along with cocktail service, as well as friendlier dealers, create a warmer atmosphere than is the case on the Empress, for example. Although it is a bit shorter (205 feet), the Silver Eagle's passenger capacity is the same as the Empress': 1,000. Slot machines, video poker, blackjack, roulette and craps are the games offered on the Silver Eagle.

The Silver Eagle does not use $2.50 chips, but does use Bud Jones decal inlay chips, including the 50¢ denomination. The 50¢, $1 and $5 chips are illustrated below, and they show completely new rim and decal inlay designs. A letter to Bud Jones requesting more information about the new designs and styles was ignored. The Silver Eagle tokens, in 25¢, $1 and $5 denominations, contain the logo on the obverse, and the denomination on the reverse.

We stopped in several ports prior to getting to our first gaming stop which was Cairo, Egypt. This is an extremely interesting place to visit and I assume that it was probably here that civilization began. It is very difficult to talk to people about things that are 4000 years old. They certainly have some history.

We stayed at the Marriott in Cairo, on the banks of the Nile river, how about that. The hotel was a converted palace and you could certainly tell that it was a place of splendor at one time. The Omar Kayam casino was very nice. You were greeted at the entrance by a security person, who immediately gave us entrance once he knew that we were Americans. I assume that we have made a terrific impression on the Middle East people because of the Desert Storm operation. At least, there was absolutely no animosity that I could find and their courtesy was above reproach. They use the US Dollar as the gambling currency. Many Arab high rollers betting huge wagers on roulette. I bet (excuse the term) Vegas would like to get them back. Again, there was no language barrier, no problems with dress code or currency. The dealers were very friendly and in fact the pit bosses actually helped the American players. The dealers and pit bosses were very talkative unlike the Vegas casino employees.

Next stop for available gambling was in Kusadasi Turkey. We had stopped in Istanbul but had no time to get to a casino because of shopping commitments and time constraints. The casinos open at 7:00 PM.

Kusadasi is a new but old place. The ancient city of Ephesus is 15 km from the city. The casinos have arrived within the past year or so. I guess everyone thinks it's the way to make a buck.

While we did not gamble there, we made a visit to a casino to pick up some chips. The casino was very nice, clean, no language barrier, quite sizeable and actually had machines that we had never seen before that were manufactured by Bally's and IGT. Same blackjack and roulette, not a crap table to be found anywhere.

I hope you have enjoyed sharing this trip with me and my experiences. There were a total of 20 stops on this trip. Some had casinos but hours of operation interfered with our usual schedule and this prohibited our visits. I have been many places where they have gambling, the Caribbean, South America, Australia and other Far East countries, and guess what, Vegas is the best, nothing can come close or ever will. We have travelled extensively and this prompted us to purchase a Travel Agency, assuming it would help in our travels. My wife owns and operates All Points Travel, in Mayfield Village, Ohio (800)783-8860. She is an expert on gambling and casinos. I'm sure she would be happy to assist anyone needing any travel advice be it gambling related or not.

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UTE MOUNTAIN INDIAN RESERVATION

By Robert H. Gaarder R-304

In late September, we travelled to the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation at Towaoc, Colorado to visit the casino which had opened for business on September 4, 1992. Towaoc is located in a desolate area of the state, 11 miles south of the city of Cortez, Colorado and near the four corners; where the only place in the United States where four states boundaries meet. You can actually stand on the states of Utah, Colorado, New Mexico and Arizona at the same time.

We were impressed when we first sighted the casino, a large white building which had recently been the reservations pottery factory. We were further impressed when we were not greeted at the door by a huckster in a zoot suit handing out worhtless coupons, which we had grown used to in the mountain gambling towns.

The building has been completely remodeled and is spacious and comfortable within. The slot area leaves room to operate without bumping butts with the person across the aisle and in addition to poker and "21" card areas, there is a large Bingo hall.

No alcohol is allowed on the reservation, so there is no bar and no drinks for the players except for the soda variety. A restaurant is under construction but at this time the closest place to get a meal is in Cortez. I also noticed that there were no change persons, so slot machine change had to be obtained from the cashier. There is no gift shop either, so the usual momentos such as T shirts were not available.

When we visited in the afternoon, the casino was not crowded and most of the players were the Indians themselves. I was very disappointed when I attempted to get a supply of the token and chips. They would not sell me any of the red chips and only a small supply of the $1 chips and $1 tokens, saying that "they were running short". The fact that we had come 360 miles was not a factor. The $1 tokens are very nice. They have a goldine color and are struck with the great seal of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. This tribe is named for Ute Mountain, where a Ute chief lays in deep slumber. If necessary, he will arise and lead his people. They may need to call upon him before this gambling endeavor is over. This one is not worth a special trip, but if you are driving by and need to use a rest room, ...well why not?

UTE MOUNTAIN Casino

Casino expansion

Less than a year after New England's first casino opened, a dramatic expansion is under way. The Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Conn., is being transformed into a resort-casino 30 times larger. The $142 million expansion includes more gaming space, an underground garage, a 302-room hotel, a retail mall, a health club, restaurants, and three theaters.

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GOL $1a " "	$37
GOL $2.5 " "	$35
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$25 "	Green "	$ 9.50
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$5	Red	$9.50
$25	Green	$9.50
$100	Black	$9.50

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'NEVADA BACCARAT CHIPS'

By Walter Dirzulaitis CH-031

Baccarat was introduced in Nevada in 1959 at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas. It soon spread all over the state as a high stakes game. To make it seem even more exclusive, it was played in it s own separate room (players only please) and cash only was used for the wagers. It took over a decade before management realized that the stacking and counting problems associated with cash play were just slowing down the game. A change to chips had to happen but the casinos still wanted to retain something special.

First, baccarat chips became larger than other chips, allegedly to add to the mystique of the game. Most baccarat chips are 44mm in diameter as opposed to the "normal" 39mm chips. For a short time during the early 1980's, the Las Vegas Sahara experimented with European style plaques in their baccarat game (See volume 5, Issue #4, Editor). Today, the El Dorado in Reno also uses them on their tables, but only in $100 and $500 denominations.

Secondly, the chips say "baccarat" on them. Many roulette chips don't say as much, but other than plaques to my knowledge, every baccarat chip ever issued in Nevada has the game's name on it. Even the Caesar's Palace and Caesar's Tahoe chips which do not say baccarat in the center, have "baccarat" set right into the chip's edge mold.

The last manner in which baccarat chips are different, or unusual, is their denomination. When cash was used, collecting the 5% "commission vig" on bets made on the bank hand was easy. Twenty dollar bills were used, so the commission was one dollar for every twenty dollars wagered. When the changeover to chips was made, $25 chips would not do because the casinos would have to either lower their commission rate or else start dealing with quarters and half dollars. As a result, most baccarat chips were issued in $20 denominations. Some casinos however, decided to use their regular chips, or opted to make their baccarat chips in $25 denominations. They still charge $1 per $25 wager, but the fourth bet is charged $2 so they still take $5 per $100 wagered.

Some casinos only issue baccarat chips in $20 and up denominations but others have also issued fives to keep them uniform with the larger ones. Some have only issued baccarat chips in high denominations such as the Mirage which has beautiful oversized chips, but only in $100 and higher denominations. The Union Plaza issued a $3 chip once which has been the only one to ever specify its use for "maxi-baccarat". The unopened Jockey Club had a $500 baccarat chip, which along with the Sahara plaques, are the only high denomination bacarrat chips available in any sizeable numbers in collectors hands. Altlantic City and Puerto Rico have also issued bacarat chips at times.

The following are all of the Nevada baccarat chips that this author is aware of. This list should not be considered complete, so please write and let me know if you can confirm any others. For the sake of brevity, only affordable denominations are listed.

ALADDIN: $20 orange (usually drilled) 39mm
$ 5 red 44mm
$20 green 44mm

CAESARS PALACE: $5 red 44mm
$20 green 44mm

CEASARS TAHOE: $5 red 44mm
$20 green 44mm

DUNES: $5 red 44mm
$20 green 44mm

GOLDEN NUGGET: $20 orange 44mm

HARRAHS (TAHOE): $5 light green
w/brass inserts 44mm
$25 purple
w/brass inserts 44mm

HARVEY'S: $5 red
w/brass inserts 44mm
$25 black
w/brass inserts 44mm

JOCKEY CLUB: $500 purple 39mm

LAS VEGAS HILTON: $20 green 44mm

MGM GRAND: $5 green 44mm
$20 pink 44mm

MGM SANDS: $20 yellow 44mm

RIVIERA: $5 orange 39mm
$5 orange 44mm
$25 green 44mm

SAHARA: $20-$50-$100-$500-$1000 plaques. (See Vol 5, #4)

SANDS: $5 blue 39mm
$5 red 44mm
$20 yellow 44mm

TROPICANA: $25 green 39mm

UNION PLAZA: $3 brown 39mm

The author would appreciate hearing from members who may have additional knowledge of any Nevada bacarrat chips that have not been identified in this text.

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'CATALOGING YOUR COLLECTION'

By Dave Harvey R-182

O.K., let's get those chips and tokens out of the cigar boxes and drawers and into some kind of order. I am sure that most collectors have ways to catalog and assemble their collections. Here, for what ever it is worth, is how I do it.

First, my chips and tokens are put into various types of albums. The most economical I have found are 1/2" ring binders with 2x2 plastic sheets, 20 to a page. A 1/2" ring binder will hold five pages just right, or 100 tokens. Or, you can use 5 pages of the crown size holders, 12 to a page, total 60 to a book. I have a code for my books, such as LVC=Las Vegas Casinos, LVSB=Las Vegas Stores & Bars, DWSD=Deadwood South Dakota; and RBIR=Riverboats and Indian Reservations.... and the lists go on.

My master catalog is kept in a 1" ring binder in alphabetical order. The tokens and chips lists are kept on 3 column accounting paper that may be purchased in pads already punched for three ring binders.

Fig. 1 shows a page like I keep it. Here's what it means:

First entry; Line one is "PC". This means I personally collected it.
Second entry; is the year collected "1990".
Third entry; is name and year of the casino & grade (if you grade tokens).
Value & Cost Column: one dollar cost to collect one dollar token.
Location Column: Las Vegas, NV
Book & Page Column: is the book & page I can find this token. This particular token example is in LVC Book (LVC=Las Vegas Casino) Page 2.

TOKENS

				VALUE	COST	LOCATION CITY - ST	BOOK-PAGE
PC 90	CIRCUS / CIRCUS	87	AU	1-	1-	LV NV	LVC - P2
T 88	CARSON VALLEY INN		AU	1-	T	CARSON CITY NV	NVST - P4
B 91	COURT YARD BAR			1-	2-	LV NV	LVSB - P1
B 91	CASTAWAYS	68	AU	1-	3-	LV NV	LVC - P5
PC 91	CAL-NEVA	90	AU	1-	1-	CRYSTAL BAY	NVST - P1
PC 92	CAESARS			10-	10-	LV NV	HO-1 P1

Figure 1

The "T" entry means that I traded for the token #2 on this page. The "B" entry on tokens #3 & #4 means I bought these tokens.
Note: Value & Cost column values are for $1 tokens. I paid $2 for number three and $3 for number four. Entry #6 is a Caesars Ten Dollar Token. $5 & $10 tokens are entered in the catalog in red ink. $25, $100 & $500 tokens are entered in green ink.

One important note here; my green ink pen is still in the bubble pack. Oh well..... some day! I also use one other entry, "W", which means that I won the token.

I hope this is of some use... especially to the novice collector.
Happy collecting,..... Dave

THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Michael Knapp

Welcome to the latest installment of the Information Booth! For those of you who are new to the Club, this is the regular column which answers members' questions about casino and chip history, and attempts to identify chips which may be unknown to their owners. There are new UFC's (Unidentified Flying Chips!) in each issue, and they appear here in hopes that a member who recognizes and can identify them, will write to your faithful columnist to share that information with the rest of the club. Remember, this column will only be of value if everyone is willing to participate when they can.

If you see a UFC that you can identify, please let us know by dropping a note to Michael Knapp, 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43235. If you have chips that are puzzling you, we'll try to help you with them. Send clear photocopies of both sides of the chips (unless both sides are identical) to the same address and we'll see if we can help.

The Spotlight, a feature which has now appeared in three Information Booth columns, was intended to appear regularly. Although the first three Spotlights generated a little bit of interest, the reception has not justified maintaining The Spotlight on a regular basis. We will, however, consider including the feature from time to time if member interest warrants. We did receive, from Steve Passalacqua, copies of two additional types of Agua Caliente chips which did not appear in the last issue's feature. They appear below:

We have a few answers to previous UFC's for this month's column, as well as some questions we have been able to answer and which may be of general interest. As usual, past UFC's are referred to by number.

402: H Good Luck C/H Good Luck G. This chip was especially confusing because the obverse (front) contains the initials HC, and the reverse (back) has the initials HG. Our first inclination was to say that the chip was from Harold's Club, but the inconsistent initials confused us! According to Howard Herz's latest casino chip auction catalog, however, the origin of the chip is in fact Harold's, and was used both at Harold's Club in Reno and at Harold's Gun Club. The Gun Club was a small casino on Pyramid Lake Road outside of Reno. The Herz auction description of this chip is qualified, and it is not yet absolutely attributed to Harold's, but that's the best information to date.

507: Casino Card Club. Member Jon Morell from California thought that he recognized the logo on this chip, and started searching. Sure enough, he came up with a playing card which has a logo which is extremely close to the one on the chip which appeared in the last column. Jon sent a copy of the card, and half of the card back appears to the right. It certainly seems to be a close match! The card is from the Casino Card Club in San Jose, California, although Jon says he can't be sure when it was open.

509 and 510: TC. These were two different styles of TC chips which appeared in the last issue, along with the comment that a dealer had found that they had been used at the Treasury Club in Sparks, Nevada. Several members

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questioned that identification, because the chips were of obviously older vintage than the Treasury Club, which opened in 1989. We checked with the dealer, who has told us that the person who sold him the chips insisted that they were used on the one blackjack table that the Treasury Club had when it opened. It may be that the chips were originally made for another club (this would not be the first example of chips from one club being used in another), or it may be that the dealer was bamboozled by the person who sold him the chips. In any case, we leave it to each of you to draw your own conclusions.

515: WH. There was a White House which was a fairly established illegal casino in the Mentor, Ohio area in the 1930's thtough the 1950's, and it may be that this chip is from that club. There is too little evidence, though, other than the initials themselves and the age of the chip, to draw a final conclusion. An eyewitness would be welcome!

519: LH. Jon Morell also tells us that this chip is most likely from Lafayette Hall, a men's club in Sacramento, California. These chips seem to be plentiful in the Sacramento area, which indicates the connection. Lafayette Hall was open during the 1940's and 1950's, which is consistent with the rim design of the chip as well.

529: YC. It has been suggested that this chip might have been used at the Yorkshire Club, one of the established casinos in the Newport, Kentucky area in the 1940's and 1950's. Could be, but it might also be from somewhere else. Without some sort of confirmation, guessing about the origin of chips based solely on the initials appearing on them can be a risky business. Certainly the age and style of this chip is consistent with the Yorkshire Club's vintage, though.

Member Robert Eisenstadt has done some research on the casinos in **Aruba, Netherlands Antilles**, which he's shared with the rest of us. According to Robert's research, Aruba, which is off the coast of Venezuela rather than being in the chain of islands that string east and south of Cuba and Puerto Rico, has 24 large hotels, but only 9 casinos currently operating. They are: **Alhambra Casino** (connected to the Divi Divi Beach Resort and the Tamarijn Beach Resort); the **Americana Aruba** (in the Americana Hotel); the **Hotel Concorde Casino** (Hotel Concorde); **Crystal Casino** (Sonesta Hotel); **Harbour Town** (Harbour Town Resort, Swain Wharf); **Hyatt Regency Casino** (at the Hyatt, of course); **King International Casino** (Holiday Inn, the island's largest hotel); **Palm Casino** (Aruba Palm Beach Resort); and **Royal Cabana Casino** (La Cabana Beach Club). There was another casino on the island, the **Arusino Casino**, which closed in about 1985. It reopened as **Aruba Caribbean**, then as the **Golden Tulip**. The Golden Tulip closed in 1991.

Gary Gustafson tells us about another casino that's located on a ferry which runs between Fishguard, South Wales and Rossalre, Southern Ireland, crossing St. George's Channel. The crossing takes three hours, and the onboard casino, the **Lucky Horseshoe**, is open only for one hour of the time. Gary tells us that he played at one of the two blackjack tables when he was in the British Isles in 1990. The Lucky Horseshoe chip, which has a jockey mold design, appears below as no. **520**.

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Those of you who have been members for a couple of years will remember the extensive article by Tom Hitselberger about the Prince Georges, Maryland volunteer fire department casinos which operate on a continuous basis. Although these are charity games, they are operated on a semi-professional basis, and some are open virtually every night. They are legal only in this suburban Washington, D.C. county of Maryland, and are not permitted in other areas in the State. Tom has been keeping us up to date on the chips being used at the games, and has sent us some more for this issue. **521, 522 and 523** are different varieties of chips used at the **Landover Hills Boys and Girls Club** in Landover Hills, Maryland.

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Chip no. **524** is a CHIPCO chip (the $1 denomination is shown, but there are $5 and $25 denominations in use as well) used at the **Crescent Cities** Jaycees game in Silver Hill, MD. Silver Hill, as your columnist recalls, is the location of a major aircraft restoration facility operated by the Smithsonian Institution, at which old airplanes are reconditioned for display in the Air and Space Museum in Washington. **525, 526, and 527** are chips used at the **Hillside Volunteer Fire Department** in Clinton, Maryland. Finally, the **Casino Zambaleneo**, no. **528**, is in use at the Oxon Hill VFD. Zambaleneo is in the Philippines, and Tom has told us that a Philippine orphanage is one of the beneficiaries of some of the funds raised by the Oxon Hill, MD volunteer fire department.

529 is a roulette chip from the **Golden Nugget** in Las Vegas. **530** is from the **Rex Club** in San Jose, California. The Rex Club was a card room which is now closed, but we do not have its dates of operation. Perhaps a "Left Coast" member can help us.

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531 is our first UFC for this issue. The member who sent us this chip for identification believes it may have been used at the **Oasis Club** in Searchlight, Nevada, in the 1940's. The age of the chip confirms the time period, but we wonder if anyone can pinpoint its origin.

532 is not completely "unknown," because we are told that its origin is North Dakota. We don't know what the **New Elliot Tavern** was, however, nor do we know who **S.E.Nenno** was. Also, because this chip is known in four different denominations (5¢, 25¢, $1 and $5), we wonder whether the legend "good for . . . in trade" is really a subterfuge. The member who sent the chip, which is moulded heavy plastic, with the lettering moulded into the surface of the chip, believes that these were actually used for illegal gambling. Does anyone know anything about the New Elliot Tavern, or about S.E.Nenno?

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Although we cannot show it adequately in the magazine illustration, **533** is an unusual chip. Not visible in

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this illustration is a faint hotstamp which reads **MGG 5**. Over the hotstamp, and clearly applied with a rubber stamp on an inkpad are the words **California WAR**. The origin and use of this chip, which is known in several colors, is a mystery. Can anyone provide the answer? **534, Oxford Cigar Store**, is another chip which, although ostensibly a "good for" trade chip, is believed to be an illegal gaming chip. The fact that the chip is a U. S. Playing Card Co. crest and seal inlaid chip, which likely cost more than 10¢ even in the 1920's or 1930's when it was likely manufactured, seems to be evidence that the chip might actually have been used for gambling. We do not know whether the chip is known in other denominations, which would lend more credence to the theory, but perhaps someone will recognize it and fill us in.

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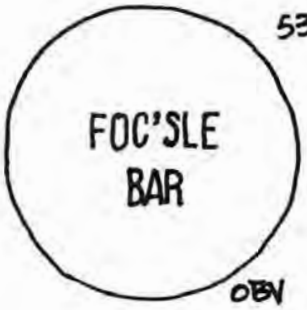

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535 appears to be a free drink token. It is plastic, with a smooth surface, and hotstamped. We have no reason to believe that it is a gambling chip of any kind, but if someone has information about the **Foc'sle Bar**, we may be proven wrong. The remaining chips, from 536 on, are UFC's which members have sent in for identification, and which we are unable to attribute. Again, if you recognize and can identify any of these chips, please drop your columnist a note so that other members may share your knowledge. As is our custom, we have used a "$" by each chip which bears a denomination on its reverse side.

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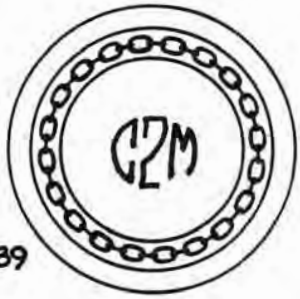

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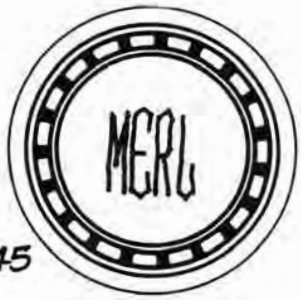

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ELECTRONIC CHIP COLLECTORS!

Michael Knapp

Do you have a computer? Do you know what a modem is? Have you ever heard of the Prodigy service? Did you know that there are chip collectors who are conversing across the continent on a daily basis about chips, casino news and collecting?

A modem is a gadget which, when hooked to a computer and a telephone, permits the computer to communicate with other computers over the phone lines. A person with a computer and a modem can dial what is called an electronic bulletin board, and can post messages which can be accessed by any other person who calls the bulletin board through his modem.

Prodigy is one of those electronic bulletin boards, operated as a joint venture by Sears and IBM. (Although IBM is a joint owner of Prodigy, the service can be accessed by either IBM-compatible or McIntosh/Apple computers.) Modem owners can subscribe to the Prodigy service by paying a monthly or annual fee, which provides them with complete access to the Prodigy bundle of benefits.

An on-line encyclopedia, news service, stock quotation system, weather reports throughout the country, games that can be played online, and a host of other features makes Prodigy attractive to many ages and people of varied background. Because of its relatively low subscription fee, lack of additional hourly fees, and its ease of use, Prodigy boasts more members than any other popular bulletin board system in the country: some 2,000,000 members.

One of the major strengths of Prodigy is its bulletin board system, which permits members to post bulletins which can be read by any Prodigy subscriber. The messages cannot be commercial in nature (no offers for sale or requests to buy are permitted on the public bulletin boards), but the subjects on which members can post bulletins to ask questions or seek advice, or just to converse, are numerous.

There are bulletin boards devoted to pets, cooking, computers, travel, hobbies, games, and others. A member looking for a certain kind of recipe, for example, can post a bulletin requesting it, and within a matter of hours, can read replies from all over the country from people offering variations of the recipe.

About a year ago, I began posting messages on the Hobbies bulletin board, offering information about chip collecting, and volunteering to answer questions about chips and tokens for anyone who might be interested. Today, the "Casino Chips, Tokens" subject on the Hobbies bulletin board is rarely without new postings from people who are curious, who have small collections, and from experienced and established collectors who are members of CC&GTCC!

Bill O'Brien (San Diego), Jim Sarra (Redondo Beach), Claire Harris (Las Vegas), Stan Hartwig (Lakewood, CO), Steve Piccolo (Bayonne, NJ) and I have been talking electronically for some time. New members Cyn Chittick (San Antonio), Maj. Inslee Bennett (Gunter AFB, AL), Rick Cummings (Littleton, CO) are active participants as well. (I'm sure to get some nasty comments on the bulletin board as soon as this appears because I've left someone out!)

Of additional interest to club members are the Games bulletin board, where discussions of casino rules and gaming strategies are discussed, and the Travel board, on which Prodigy members regularly ask questions about what's happening in Las Vegas, hotel deals, and the like.

All Prodigy members who have checked these bulletin boards already know about our convention next Spring, and many are intending to attend!

Trump free to repay part of 'loan' from dad

By PATRICK JENKINS

The Casino Control Commission yesterday permitted Trump Castle to repay Donald Trump's father, Fred C. Trump, part of a $3.5 million de facto loan he made to the casino nearly two years ago.

The commission voted unanimously to let the Castle repay the elder Trump $1 million now by letting him redeem that amount for the chips he purchased in December 1990, when the Castle was enmeshed in a severe financial crisis.

Fred Trump never gambled with the chips, and the money he spent to purchase them was used to help pay part of an $18.4 million bond interest payment in December 1990, when the casino was on the verge of bankruptcy.

The commission ruled in May 1991 that the purchase was, in effect, a loan that made Fred Trump a financial source who had to be licensed as such.

Although the elder Trump subsequently was licensed as a financial source, the Castle was fined $65,000 for borrowing the money beforehand.

In a petition filed with the commission, Trump attorney Joseph Fusco argued part of the $3.5 million could be repaid now because from January to June of this year the Castle's income from operations totaled $9.98 million, $1.34 million more than was forecast, and the projected cash balance as of yesterday, based on the Castle's current financial position and the redemption of the $1 million in chips to Fred Trump, would be about $20 million.

Even with the redemption of the chips, Fusco argued, the Castle would maintain its financial stability.

Fusco also asked that Fred Trump, because of his age, 87, be allowed to redeem the chips through a representative and not be forced to appear personally at the casino cage.

Deputy Attorney General Thomas Auriemma of the Division of Gaming Enforcement (DGE) submitted a letter to the commission saying the division didn't object to the redemption of the $1 million in chips.

The commission voted unanimously and without comment to approve the petition.

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

GAMBLING IN PALM SPRINGS

Another Las Vegas?

(The Agua Caliente Tribal Council recently signed an agreement with Caesars World Inc. to build a casino resort in Palm Springs, Calif. The following is an editorial from the Desert Sun newspaper, which hailed the development.)

Those who had expressed fears that the glamour resort image of Palm Springs would be tarnished by the Agua Caliente Tribal Council decision to lift its ban on gambling should be breathing easier now.

OTHER VIEWS
DESERT SUN
Palm Springs, California

The decision by the Indians to enter into an agreement with the internationally respected Caesars World Inc. to operate a $20 million gambling facility on tribal land in the Palm Springs area has to be reassuring, even to gaming foes.

Tribal officials promised their gambling facility would be first-class. Hiring the same people who operate Caesars Palace in Las Vegas is a giant first step toward fulfilling that vow. It's a bold stroke that puts the Agua Calientes — and Palm Springs — in the major leagues of the gaming world.

Since gambling began on Indian reservations more than a decade ago, this desert resort has been a prize target for casino promoters. Gambling experts say it's the one place in the nation with the potential to become another Las Vegas. ... The Agua Caliente's gambling enterprise offers an opportunity to reshape the face of Palm Springs.

— Nov. 19, 1992

Costner wants to add rail line, hotel to casino

Kevin Costner, who owns a restaurant and casino in Deadwood, S.D., with his brother, said he wants to add a hotel and railroad line for tourists.

Costner wants to build a $30 million resort and convention center, but that hinges on increasing betting limits in Deadwood from $5, Costner said Thursday on **David Letterman's** show.

Costner operates the Midnight Star casino and restaurant in Deadwood, in the Black Hills of western South Dakota. He told Letterman that gambling in the city was "really nickel-and-dime — that's not to put it down."

Deadwood legalized gambling in 1989. Costner became familiar with the town while filming "Dances With Wolves."

"I missed the ground floor on everything, and I thought to myself, 'I want to stay here.' I want to have a gambling thing, have a restaurant, a bordello if I could have one," he said, drawing a laugh from the audience.

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"MOORE CALIFORNIA RAMBLING"

by Michael Moore

"Jack" Floyd opened a bar, restaurant and card room in the small town of Martinez California. The club opened in 1981 and displayed a large portrait of his father, "Pretty Boy" Floyd, the famous bank robber of the 20's and 30's. They had three Low-Ball tables and the chips were Paulson Hat & Cane with five denominations. Jack is a very good artist and designed the center inlay himself. His signature, (Floyd's), appears over the portrait of "Pretty Boy" Floyd on the 50¢, $1 and $5 and Jack's mother, Ruby Hardgraves Floyd, appears on the 20 and 100 dollar chips. The date of their birth and death are under each portrait. The club closed in 1983.

In 1925 Oklahoma was already feeling the onslaught of the "Crash" of '29 and the following depression of the 30's. Unemployment was high and banks were foreclosing on farms throughout the midwest. Charles Arthur "Pretty Boy" Floyd was 21 years old, married, had a new born baby boy, Charles Dempsey Floyd, and was without a job. He traded 5 gallons of moonshine whiskey for a pearl-handled pistol and said, "Now I'm going to give this a try," pointing to the pistol. He left Sequoyah County, Oklahoma August of 1925 and hopped a train to St. Louis, Missouri. While there he robbed a bank with two partners of $11,929. He was caught almost immediately and sent to prison where he spent the next 3½ years.

Ruby divorced Charley while he was in prison and started a new life. He understood and tried to stay away from her and little Dempsey. When he was released in March, 1929, he called on his brother Bradley for a place to stay. Jobs were hard to come by in 1929, but Bradley helped him get a job in the oil fields of Earlsboro, Oklahoma. When the boss found out that Charley was an ex-con, he was fired. He turned to the only other thing he knew, bank robbing.

For the next five years, "Pretty Boy" Floyd robbed over 60 banks and was involved in about a dozen shoot outs with the law. Despite his lawless record, Charley was seen as a Robin Hood during the depression while the banks were the bad guys to the common people of the mid west. He was very generous to the citizens he came in contact with, was always polite and considerate. Once while stopping to eat in a restaurant he told some young girls to move to a table under the stairs. They didn't understand the request until they later learned that it was Pretty Boy Floyd making the request. He wanted them out of harms way if anything should happen. Only one death can be directly linked to Pretty Boy. A former Oklahoma sheriff turned bounty hunter tried to ambush him when he pulled into the Hardgraves farm at 2:30 a.m. to visit Ruby and little (Jack) Dempsey. The bounty hunter, Erv Kelley, shot Charley four times before he himself was fatally wounded.

Other outlaws tried to go partners with Pretty Boy, such as Bonnie and Clyde, but he felt they were too violent and turned them down. It is rumored that John Dillinger and Floyd were playing a slot machine in a midwestern hangout when Dillinger commemted, "You sure don't need no gun to rob somebody if you've got one of these things for him to play."

"Yep," replied Floyd, "and this bandit has only one arm." Hence coining the popular nickname for the slot machine, "One Armed Bandit."

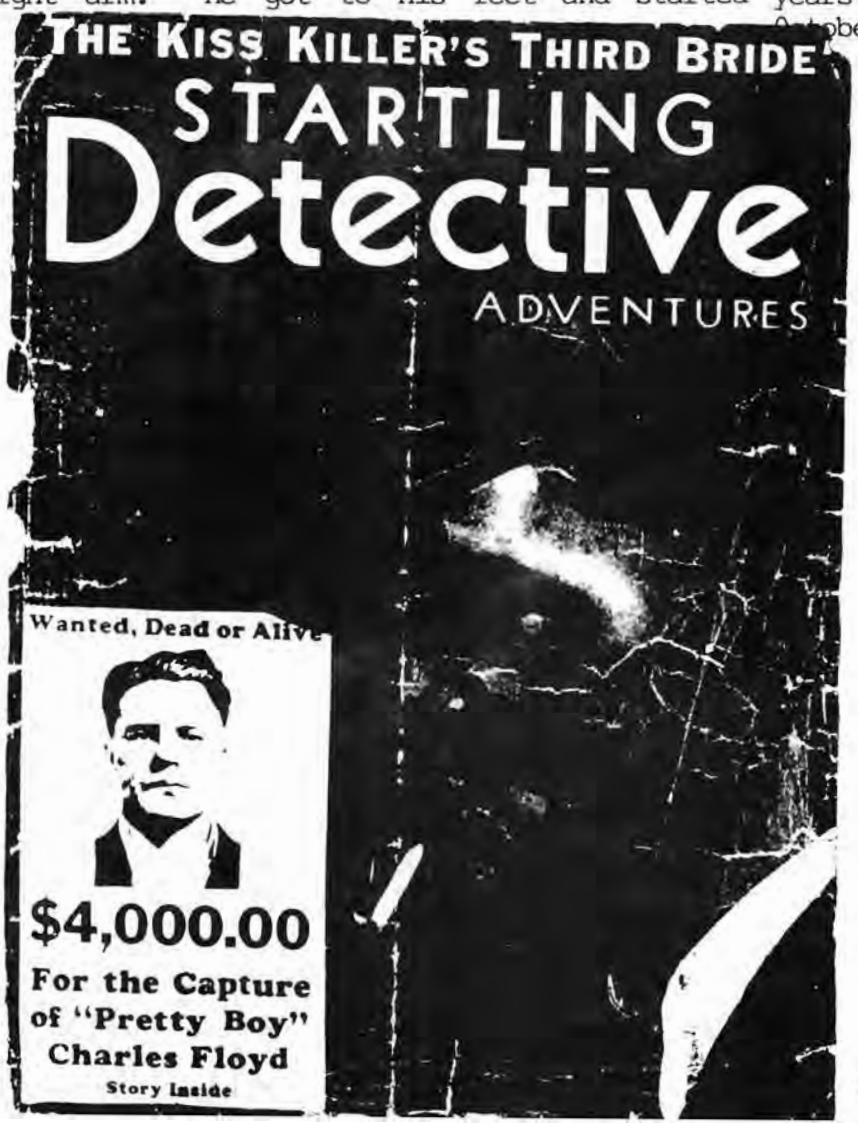
During my first interview with Jack Floyd I found it very strange to hear him talk about his father. Jack was only six years old when he first remembers meeting Charley Floyd. In relating that encounter, Jack said, "He dressed so sharp and smelled so good, I liked him right away." It seemed like such an odd thing to say about your own father, but then I had to remember, Pretty Boy was in prison or on the run all the time Jack was growing up. In 1931, Charley could not stay away from his family any longer. The three of them moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas where they lived as a family for six months. They went by the alias of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hamilton and Jackie Hamilton Jr. Jackie was coached to never use his real name and even went to school under this alias. The name Jack has stayed with him all these years.

In 1934, the year Pretty Boy Floyd was shot down at Ellen Conkle's farm, J. Edgar Hoover declared him public enemy number one. On that fateful day in October Floyd's partner, Adam Richetti, had already been captured. Charley had spent two day hiding in the woods in Columbiana County, Ohio. With the FBI and local law-enforcement combing the country side for him, another miracle escape seemed out of the question. Tired and hungry, he went to Ellen Conkle's house looking for food and a ride to Youngstown. She fed him a very nice meal and

arranged a ride with her brother in law working in her field. Ellen didn't believe Charley's story about being a lost squirrel hunter but she was taught to be nice to strangers. She was not aware it was Pretty Boy Floyd on the back porch reading the newspaper. The news was dominated by the manhunt for public enemy number one, but Ellen had not read her newspaper yet.

While Charley was finishing his meal, Chester Smith, a local policeman, received a call from the famous FBI agent Melvin Purvis. Purvis needed someone that knew the area. Chester and three other officers agreed to assist. According to a taped interview with Smith almost fifty years later, he claims the events of October 22, 1934 went as follows: Driving in the lead car with the FBI agents following, Chester saw a man jump out of a Model A Ford and run behind a corncrib at the Conkle farm. He pulled into the driveway to check out the suspicious activity. When he walked around the building the man was running up the hill toward the woods. He ordered him to halt. He knew it was Floyd, so when he did not stop, he aimed his rifle and fired. Floyd fell with a wound to his right arm. He got to his feet and started to run. Chester fired once more hitting him in the midsection. This time he did not get up. Chester ran to Floyd who had managed to prop himself up on an elbow. "Why didn't you halt?" he asked. "If I'd gotten to them woods, you'd never got me," Floyd replied. The other officers ran to the scene. Purvis said, "Back away from that man. I want to talk to him." He asked, "Are you Charley Floyd?" He said, "Yes." Purvis demanded, "Were you in on the Kansas City Massacre?" Floyd spat, "I wouldn't tell you SOB's nothing." According to Smith, at that point Purvis turned to agent Herman Hollis and barked the command, "Fire into him!" Hollis aimed his revolver and shot Floyd once in the chest and he fell over. Smith said it happened so fast. I asked Purvis why he did that? He said, "Hoover didn't want him brought in alive," and he left immediately to telephone Hoover that Pretty Boy Floyd was dead.

Mr. Smith says the truth was never told in 1934. The whole thing was an FBI cover up. At age ninety one he explains that he felt compelled to clear the air since he is the last survivor of the eight lawmen involved. The tape was sent to Jack Floyd only a few years before Chester Smith passed away on October 23, 1984-one day after the fiftieth anniversary of Floyd's slaying.



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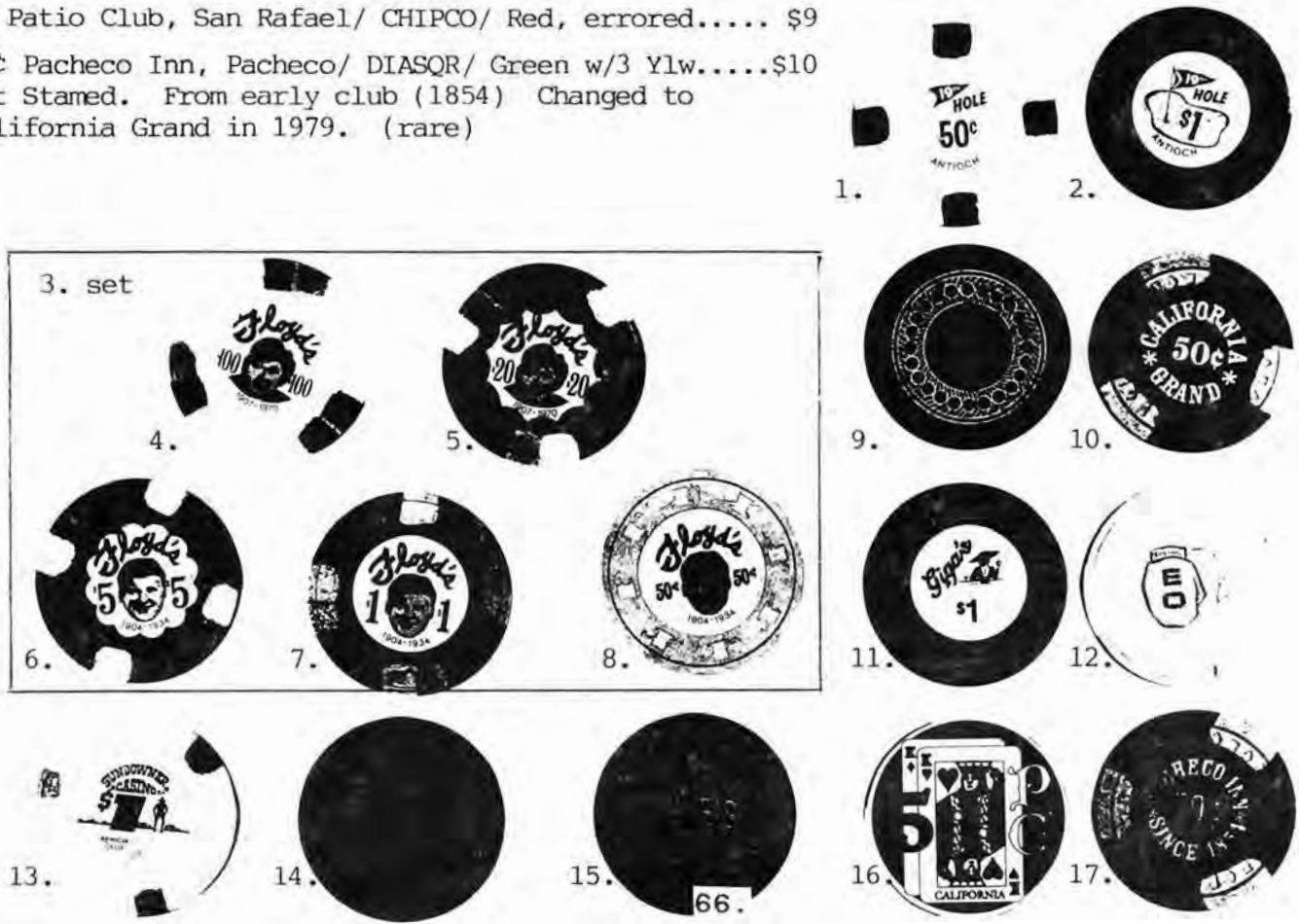

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3. Ranch House, Wells, NV	Oct '80	$.50, 1, 5
4. Nugget, Sparks	Aug '84, Dec'89, Jul '91	$5, 25, 500
5. Harvey's, Tahoe	'86	$5, 25, 100, 500, 1000 (Baccarat)
	'86, '88, '90	$1, 2, 2.50, 5, 25, 100, 500
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By Chuck Tomarchio R-377

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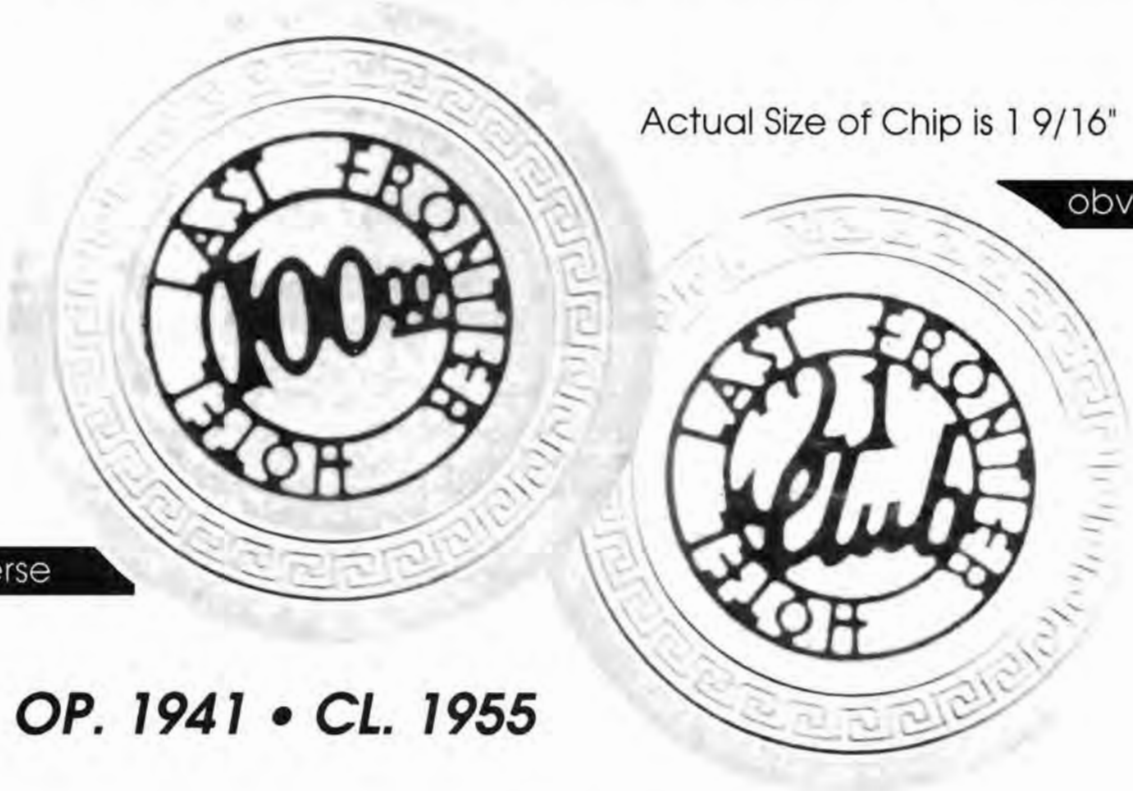

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