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NEW! OREGON CHIPCOS

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FULL COLOR SETS

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1998	**TO BE ANNOUNCED**
1999	**CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**
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2001	**ATLANTA, GEORGIA**

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SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1993

CC&GTCC WILL MEET AT THE 102nd ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION OF THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION IN THE BALTIMORE MARYLAND CONVENTION CENTER. BRING TRADERS!! THE CLUB WILL ALSO HAVE OUR OWN BOOTH ON THE MIDWAY EVERY DAY DURING THE HOURS OF THE CONVENTION. STOP BY AND SAY HELLO.

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
ALADDIN HOTEL, MAY 1, 1993

The sixth annual meeting of the Casino Chips and Gaming Tokens Collectors Club was called to order by President Archie Black at 8:00 a.m. on May 1, 1993. There were a total of 68 members and 17 guests in attendance. Member Al Rollins from San Juan, Puerto Rico came the furthest distance to attend. Mr. Black reviewed the progress of the convention at the halfway point, and discussed the day's activities to follow.

The officers were introduced, and each presented a short report. Presentations were then made to award winners and recipients (names and awards appear elsewhere in this issue, and will not be repeated in the minutes).

The convention commemorative chip was distributed to all members present at the meeting, as was one of the wooden "dollars" made for the convention. Bill Forbes, who was present on behalf of CHIPCO International was introduced, and he received the thanks of the club for CHIPCO's assistance in producing the convention chip.

The next order of business was the pending amendment to the bylaws proposed by Bruce Landau, to which two amendments were offered, one by Allan Myers, and one by Brenda Black. The original motion was made by Bruce Landau, and duly seconded, to change the composition of the club's board of directors to include all past officers. Allan Myers moved to amend the motion to include on the board all present, charter officers, and all past presidents as their terms expire. Brenda Black also moved to amend the original motion to include only past presidents as members of the board of directors in addition to present officers.

There was spirited and detailed discussion concerning the merits of each of the three proposals. As each motion was considered, however, the members present and voting defeated each of the three motions, leaving the configuration of the club's board of directors as it is: consisting of all current elected officers.

Earl Donley then presented the election committee report of Robert Maisch, Mr. Maisch not having been able to attend the convention. There were multiple nominations for four of the five club offices, but as a result of withdrawals, only one office was actually contested. For the office of president, Archie Black and Robert Matthews were nominated. For vice president, Janice O'Neal and Gene Grossblatt were nominated, Mr. Grossblatt declining the nomination. For the office of treasurer, Bruce Landau, Charles Tomarchio, and Polly Abbott were nominated. Mr. Landau and Ms. Abbott declined. For corresponding secretary, Janice O'Neal and Michael Knapp were nominated, and Ms. O'Neal declined so that she could stand for election to the office of vice president. Earl Donley was nominated for the office of recording secretary.

A total of 46 nominations were received, with two being invalid. For the election, there were a total of 335 ballots cast, with the results being as follows:

President: Archie Black — Vice President: Janice O'Neal
Corresponding Secretary: Michael Knapp — Treasurer: Charles Tomarchio
Recording Secretary: Earl Donley

The officers so elected will serve for two years as provided by the club's new bylaws, until the 1995 annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Knapp

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ELECTIONS ARE OVER! I wish to personally thank those club officers; JANICE, MICHAEL, BRUCE and EARL, and also to my appointed Advertising Manager Charlie Rodgers, for all the support they have given to me and for all the time and effort they have given to this terrific organization! There would be no CC&GTCC today if it were not for the dedication of these people who are willing to give up their valuable time and yes, sometimes money. These folks work hard all year long for nothing, except for reimbursement of out of pocket expenses such as telephone, postage, supplies, etc. Sure, the club picked up some of the tab for their rooms at the Las Vegas convention for this the first time, (except for Earl who lives in LV) but they have received no compensation in the past for any of their travel, meals, or hotel bills during other official gatherings and conventions while representing CC&GTCC. We are indeed fortunate to have had them as our club officers.

To our newly elected Treasurer, Chuck Tomarchio; Welcome aboard! I'm confident that this club is going to continue to grow and prosper in the many years to come. I plan to make this my last term as President and I will not seek re-election in 1995. I know that these next two years as President will be as enjoyable and exciting as the first five years have been. Let's all continue working towards a bigger and better CC&GTCC for the future as we look forward to our 1994 convention.

Happy collecting..... Archie

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ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The report of the 1993 Election Committee as reported at our Annual Meeting held during our 1st Annual Convention in Las Vegas are as follows. Balloting results are as shown below for the 1993-1995 term of offices. Congratulations to each of the newly elected officers and wishing each of you a successful term.

	VOTES CAST
PRESIDENT	
ARCHIE BLACK	295
ROBERT MATTHEWS	40
VICE PRESIDENT	
JANICE O'NEAL	287
GENE GROSSBLATT	DECLINED
TREASURER	
CHUCK TOMARCHIO	286
BRUCE LANDAU	DECLINED
POLLY ABBOT	DECLINED
RECORDING SECT'Y	
EARL DONLEY	290
CORRESPONDING SECT'Y	
MICHAEL KNAPP	289
JANICE O'NEAL	DECLINED

1994 CONVENTION DATES SELECTED

NAME: 2nd ANNUAL CC&GTCC CONVENTION AND CASINO COLLECTIBLES SHOW

WHEN: APRIL 28, 29, 30, 1994

WHERE: ALADDIN HOTEL CASINO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED!!

FOR ADDT'L INFORMATION WRITE:
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Respectfully submitted,

Robert R Maurer

Election Committee Chairman

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

A SUPER SHOW!!!

It was a convention you'll never forget. If you were not there, words alone could not describe it. Attendance was over 900 through the door and big crowds were the order of the day. The wide aisles and spacious table layout made a very comfortable set up for the 45 dealer tables.

Brenda and I "won" $1,000 before we even got to Las Vegas..... thanks to two American Airlines flights that were overbooked on our way out. Once in Chicago where we each received $200 travel vouchers for giving up our seats and again in Dallas/Ft. Worth where we received another $300 each in travel vouchers for giving up our seats once more. Instead of arriving in Las Vegas at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday afternoon prior to the convention, we arrived at 9:00 p.m. but the delays were well worth the inconvenience and compensation.

The dealer sponsored, "Wine & Cheese Welcome", was attended by more than 80 "Early Birds" on the night before the show opening as was the marathon "Members Swap Session", which went on for about four hours before the last traders left the Salon Room. One member told me he left with hundreds of new chips to add to his collection that he did not have before the swap session began.

The "live" $5 Aladdin commemorative CC&GTCC CHIPCO was available at the cashier's window two days before the convention opened and was put into play on the gaming tables two days later for the duration of our show. There were still chips available on Sunday, the day after the show, so everyone who wanted to stock up, certainly had the opportunity to do so. Also available at the cage at face value were the New Years Eve $5 CHIPCOS; sets of $5, $20 & $100 discontinued bacarrat chips; and a very attractive uncirculated $7 .999 fine silver Aladdin slot token in a round plastic holder.

Janice O'Neal reported that the club chips and medal sets sales were very brisk at the club table all during the show hours on the convention floor.

Dale Seymour and his guest from England, Derek Cowan, provided an interesting presentation at our Educational Forum on Saturday afternoon. More that 50 members opted to leave the busy bourse floor to come listen and view their excellent slide presentation, "The Evolution Of The Gaming Chip... 1750 to 1950". Plaques were presented to both speakers upon the conclusion of their talks.

About fifteen members and guests signed up for the Laughlin Bus Trip and all reports received were that a good time was had by all.

The big news to come out of the convention was the STANDING ROOM ONLY club auction, where strong record prices were bid on some tough to rare chips. Over 100 members were in attendance and spirited bidding drove prices up on many obsolete chips to new higher price levels. Of

particular note was a $5 Atlantic City Hilton chip that was bid up to a whopping $380 before Auctioneer Jim Kruse brought the hammer down to gasps and mixed applause from many of those in attendance. Another burst of applause came after a Havana Cuba $25 Capri Hotel & Casino chip was won on a $400 bid. Only about a two dozen lots were won by mail bidders, demonstrating the strong bidding activity from the floor. Bruce Landau's auction committee did a superb job recording the bids and distributing the money received to the consignors and awarding the materials won to their proud new owners. We wish to thank the following for their assistance to the club for helping to record the lively action and bookeeping: Arlene Grossblatt, Mrs. Don Kessinger, Cameron Kessinger, Betsy Rosenblum, Mary & Mike. The club also acknowledges the folowing members for donating material to the auction with all proceeds going into the club treasury: Henry Bessler; Alvin Beatty; Bob Gaarder; Steve Roy; Jim Whittaker; and Archie Black. A listing of prices realized has been inserted into this issue of the club magazine for your reference. The 1994 Auction promises to be even bigger and better than the 1993 event. Possibly two sessions will be on tap.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CLUB AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

CHIP OF THE YEAR:	$1 LILLY BELLE'S CASINO
TOKEN OF THE YEAR:	$1 HARRAH'S LAS VEGAS
BEST MAGAZINE ARTICLE:	MICHAEL KNAPP'S "FAKES, FANTASY, ETC."
TOP DEALER RECRUITER:	ROBERT MERA
TOP MEMBER RECRUITER:	ROBERT EISENSTADT
MEDAL DESIGN CONTEST WINNER:	KEVIN NORRIS
"AUCTION PROBLEM"/INCORP:	ERIC ROSENBLM
AUCTION CHAIRMAN:	BRUCE LANDAU
AUCTIONEER:	JAMES P. KRUSE
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CONVENTION CO-CHAIRMAN	MICHAEL KNAPP
PEOPLES CHOICE-BEST EXHIBIT:	HENRY GARRETT's Cuba Display

Forum Speaker
Dale Seymour

EXHIBITOR APPRECIATION AWARDS:
CHARLES D'AMBROGI
CHARLES HENDRICK
MEL JUNG
NORMA JEAN KING
JIM NEISWONGER
JODI SONES

The club was saddened to learn that ROBERT GAARDER of Colorado Springs was unable to bring his five case display of Colorado chips due to his being hospitalized just prior to the convention. We all wish you a hearty "Get Well" and a speedy recovery Bob!

Update: Mr. Gaarder is recuperating nicely. I'm told that he is taking it easy and is up and about at home. (Editor)

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS..... continued

Outgoing Treasurer BRUCE LANDAU was presented with a handsome plaque for his many years of valuable service to the club as Club Treasurer. CHUCK TOMARCHIO was welcomed aboard as the new incoming Treasurer.

The winner of our Las Vegas Vacation drawing was ticket #142, belonging to Mr. Ed Mahon of Farmington Hills, Michigan. Mr. Mahon was not present at the time of the drawing but he was notified by mail of his good fortune. Perhaps he can now be convinced to join the club?

Convention surveys were distributed to our dealers with tables and to the members in attendance at our annual breakfast business meeting. The club officers will consider all of the input received from the surveys and we will make an informed decision on our 1994 dates and site based on the tabulated survey data.

The Aladdin Hotel and Banquet staff was terriffic to work with and Secretary Knapp has met with them two days after our convention was over, before he left Las Vegas, to seek out proposals for our 1994 convention. Michael has also met with convention staffers at Harrah's Las Vegas to view their facilities and obtained some quotes on prices. It would appear that Aladdin has the inside track for our 1994 convention at this point in time because of our familiarity with the excellent facilities available and reasonable costs. Will keep you posted.

Election Chairman Robert Maisch's report was read by Recording Secretary Earl Donley during the business portion of the Annual Meeting. The results are published elsewhere in this issue.

An ammendment to the ByLaws was approved regarding dues received being credited from the quarter in which the membership application was received to the same quarter period in the following year. This measure will prevent members from being "short changed" by not getting a full years worth of club benefits and services in the future.

Another proposed ByLaws ammendment, as well as two ammendments to the ammendment, concerning various past officers automatically being part of a Board Of Directors, failed to receive the neccessary support of the voting members present as per the ByLaws.

DUES ARE ALWAYS DUE..... FOR SOMEBODY

According to Secretary Earl Donley, there are 47 members whose dues are about to expire with this issue of the club magazine. To find out if you are one of those who will be affected, it would be in your best interests to check the mailing label that is affixed to the envelope on this the summer 1993 quarter issue. To give you an idea of how our dues period is now constructed since the o.k. was approved for staggering the expiration dates (according to the quarter in which a member joined) Earl has broken it down as follows: MARCH 142; JUNE 641; SEPTEMBER 49; DECEMBER 38. So, if your mailing label says September 1993, it is time to renew. Of course you can renew your dues at anytime and you are encouraged to do so. Earl will simply extend the date by one year from what your present address label states.

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3 1/2" embrodered, colorful cloth logo patch, "CC&GTCC MEMBER"	$3.00 @
2 3/4" vinyl club logo, self-stick decal	$1.00 @
5" vinyl club logo, self-stick decal	$2.00 @
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1994 CONVENTION TO REPEAT AT THE ALADDIN

IN RESPONSE TO OUR DEALER SURVEYS AND MEMBERSHIP SURVEYS TAKEN DURING OUR LAS VEGAS CONVENTION THIS YEAR, THE OFFICERS HAVE AGREED TO GO AHEAD WITH PLANS FOR OUR 1994 CONVENTION & SHOW. A PROPOSAL FROM THE ALADDIN HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND SECRETARY KNAPP IS NEGOTIATING THE DETAILS. OTHER VEGAS SITES WERE CONSIDERED BUT DISCOUNTED FOR VARIOUS REASONS, PRIMARILY COSTS. THE BEST DEAL (EVEN THOUGH IT WAS HIGHER THAN OUR 1993 PACKAGE) WAS FROM ALADDIN.

AS THE DATE FOR THIS MAGAZINE DEADLINE DRAWS NEAR, IT WOULD APPEAR THAT OUR CONVENTION DATES FOR 1994 WILL BE ON THE SAME WEEKEND AS IN 1993. THE LAST WEEKEND IN APRIL (28,29,30,) 1994 HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR OUR 2ND ANNUAL CONVENTION, AGAIN AT THE ALADDIN. SOME IMPORTANT DETAILS REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT BEFORE A CONTRACT IS SIGNED WITH THE HOTEL. I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED TABLE DEPOSITS FROM A COUPLE OF DEALERS WHO HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY DON'T CARE WHERE OR WHEN NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION IS HELD; THEY WILL BE THERE! ADDITIONAL DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN FUTURE ISSUES OF THE CLUB MAGAZINE.

HARRAH'S & LILLY BELLE'S WIN BIG!!

1992 CHIP & TOKEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT VEGAS CONVENTION

The $1 Lilly Belle's CHIPCO issue of 1992 was chosen by the members of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club as the best chip issued in 1992 among a field of fifteen chips nominated. In an enthusiastic mail-in only balloting response in which 265 club members voted, the Blackhawk, Colorado casino scored a total of 269 points; 40 points higher than its closest competitor, Lucky Lola's in nearby Cripple Creek, Colorado. The $5 Carson Valley Inn of Minden Valley, Nevada came in 3rd, only six points behind the 2nd place finisher.

Of major significance, all fifteen chips nominated were manufactured by the same company, CHIPCO International Unlimited, of Windham, Maine. The rest of the field finished as follows: Fitzgerald's Reno $11 "Red Dog", 220 points; Caesars Atlantic City $5 "Ann Margaret", 208; $1 Isle Vista "Red Cliff Reservation", 204; Trump Plaza Atlantic City $20 Pai-Gow, 176; $1 Nevada House "Train" from Central City, Colorado, 160; Circus Circus Reno $5 "Hot Summer Nights", 155; Newly opened $5 Sport Of Kings, the only Las Vegas chip nominated, scored 148 points; Blackhawk's $1 Jazz Alley "Sax Player" got 132; Another $1 Blackhawk chip, the Cracker Factory, received 131 points, while still another Blackhawk casino, The Prospector, pulled in 125 points. Two Caesars Atlantic City $5 chips, "Ray Charles" and "David Copperfield", finished out the slate with 58 and 45 points respectively.

A weighted ballot voting system was structured so that all first place votes received 5 points, second place votes received 3 points and third place votes counted for two points. The cumulative totals determined the winners.

In the "Token of the Year" balloting, where only six tokens were nominated, the $1 Harrah's Las Vegas "Paddlewheeler" won the top spot with 681 points....far ahead of the second place winner, Golden Canary in Blackhawk, Colorado with 547 points. The third place token finsher was from another Blackhawk casino, Silver Hawk, with 467 points. Two more tokens from Blackhawk, Red Dolly with 302 points and Crook's Palace with 159 points finished out the tokens field.

Appropriate CC&GTCC custom award plaques have been presented to management representatives of Harrah's Las Vegas and to Lilly Belle's Casino.

There have been quite a few nice chip & token contenders that have been issued so far during 1993 which will be considered for the club's "Chip & Token Of The Year Award" competition next year. While the year is only half over, and many more new chip and token issues are still to be released, I hope that the level of club member particpation in 1994 for the nomination and balloting process will be even greater than this year.

"1992 CHIP OF THE YEAR"

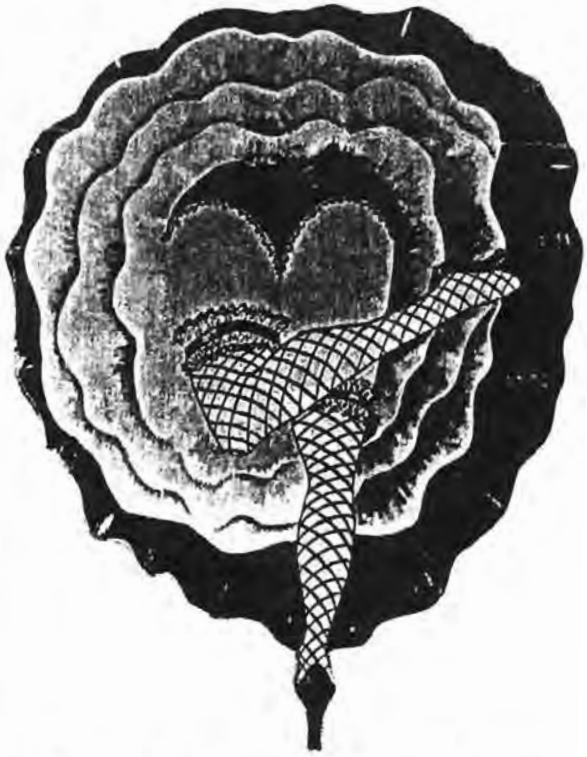
THE GLORY HOLE
"A TAVERN ATTEMPTING BUSINESS"

By Robert Gaarder R-304

I recently read with some sadness, an article in the Colorado Gambler which reported that an interest in the Glory Hole Casino in Central City had been sold to the Harrah's division of the Promus Companies and that the Glory Hole will be managed under the Harrah's name. This brought back some memories of the early days of the Glory Hole.

The Glory Hole, which was named after a historic mine in the Central City district, was during the late 1940's and early 1950's, an ordinary tavern with a piano player who performed evenings and on Sunday afternoons. The tavern catered to the college crowd from Denver and Boulder. I was a student at the University of Denver at that time and along with my wife, we would drop by occasionally to take part in the great sing alongs which were popular then..... songs such as, "I'm Looking Over A Four Leaf Clover" and "Good Night Irene" could be heard throughout downtown Central City.

On the ceiling of the tavern was the large painting of the dancing girl, her well covered bottom exposed for all to see. This has emerged as the Glory Hole logo and to this day no one knows what this girl looked like.



A postcard of the day had the following poem on the reverse:

"And to this day, in her own unique way
She is still very much to be seen.
With her face in one place,
And her base up in space,
And a block and a half in between."

I suspect that Harrah's will replace the chips and tokens now in use with those stamped with their own logo. We collectors will have some great souvenirs of the old Glory Hole. My list includes CHIPCO chips in denominations of $1, $5, and $25. These feature a prospector, not a bottoms up girl, plus a $1 & $5 token. Special issues include a gold plated $1 token that was used in a special promotion. A commemorative to mark the merger of the Gilded Garter with the Glory Hole in gold plate, 39mm size. The four piece collector series of silver coins with the bottoms up reverse and a.999 fine silver piece with prospector who has a gold nugget in his pan. A total of 12 pieces.

Oh yes, I almost forgot, in the window of the tavern in those years of the 40's & 50's was a carboard sign, stained and fly-specked, it read, "The Glory Hole..... A Tavern Attempting Business". I often wonder whatever happened to that sign?

Editor's Note: The poem's last two lines refer to the Face On The Bar Room Floor at the Teller House, "a block and a half in between."

NATIONAL ANTHEM & WAR OF 1812 HONORED ON ANA 1993 CONVENTION MEDALS

"The Star-Spangled Banner" and a monument commorating the saving of Baltimore during the War of 1812 are honored on the official medal for the American Numismatic Association's (ANA) 102nd Anniversary Convention in Baltimore, July 28-August 1, 1993.

On the obverse of the medal is a portrait of Francis Scott Key, who as a Georgetown lawyer held aboard a British ship during the attack on Baltimore and Fort McHenry wrote "The Star Spangled Banner." Key had been seeking the release of his friend, William Beanes, when he was detained by the British.

During the 25 hour bombardment of Fort McHenry, Key penned the lyrics that became America's national anthem, putting words to the tune of the English drinking song, "Anacreaon In Heaven." The new anthem was immediately printed anonymously under the title of, "Defence of Fort M'Henry" and later published by the **Baltimore Patriot.**

Adopted by Congress in 1931 as the national anthem, the first edition of "The Star Spangled Banner is housed by the Maryland Historical Society.

Ther reverse of the medal depicts the "Battle Monument" erected in 1815 to honor the repulsion of the British in the attack on Baltimore. British General Ross, who led 6,000 troops in the invasion of Washington, D.C., burning the Capitol and White House during the war, was killed in the attack on Baltimore on September 12, 1814. The 8,000 British troops were defeated and the date is remembered as "Old Defenders' Day."

Designed by Convention Medals Committee Chairman Henry W. Schab and fellow numismatist Millard Hajak, the medals are being struck for the ANA by SilverTowne of Winchester, Indiana.

The two-medal set, comprised of 1 1/4" silver and bronze medals, is available for $34 if ordered by June 30; the convention price for the set will be $36. For mail orders, add $3 postage and handling per set.

The 2 1/2" bronze medal, ordered by June 30, is $29; the convention cost will be $31. For mail orders, add $2.50 per item. The convention badge with ribbon is $11 if ordered prior to June 30; convention price will be $13. For mail orders, add $1 per item.

To order convention medals and badges, and to pre-register for the AmericANA Coin Show: A World's Fair of Money, contact the ANA, 818 No. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-3279, telephone (719) 632-2646.

9:00 A.M. SATURDAY, JULY 31 ROOM 305

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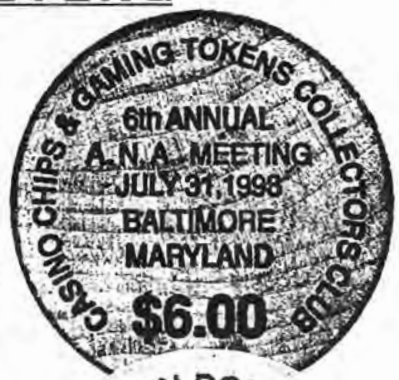
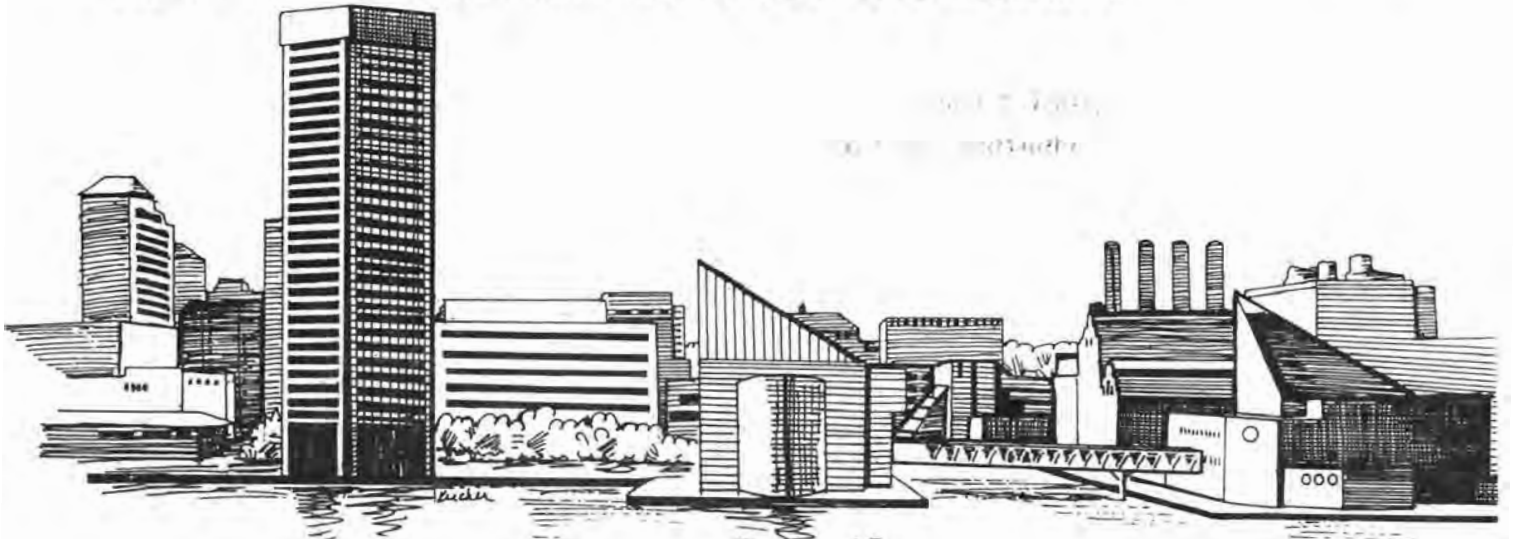


This plug is just a follow up to the announcement that appeared on page 13 of the last issue of "CHIP & TOKEN NEWS". The club will hold a meeting on Saturday morning, July 31st, and Janice & Jerry O'Neal plus Brenda and myself will be staffing a club table during the entire duration of the 102nd Anniversary Convention of the American Numismatic Association in Baltimore, Maryland. Club promotional items will be available for sale at our club booth. Stop by and say hello. I think that Bruce Landau and Chuck Tomarchio are planning to be in attendance as well. The ANA Convention dates are July 28th to August 1st, and will take place at the Baltimore Convention Center near Baltimore's Inner Harbor.

While there will be several hundred A.N.A. dealer booths set up, primarily offering coins, tokens, medals, paper money, etc., there will be only a handful of familiar dealers offering to sell casino chips and gaming tokens.... though one never knows what one will find at this well attended convention.

If you've never been to Baltimore, you'll be delighted with the Inner Harbor area. The fantastic National Aquarium is there as is Fort McHenry; site of the inspiration for Francis Scott Key's national anthem. Many fine shops and restaurants line the harbor's shore at Harborplace, a glass-enclosed European style marketplace, and if you are a sea food lover, you will definitely want to try the famous Maryland crab cakes. The historic U.S.F. Constitution is docked at the harbor and there are lots of other things to see and do while in Baltimore (it ain't no Las Vegas)... but Atlantic City is just a 3 1/2 hour drive away if you get bored. The Boston Red Sox are in town on Friday, July 30th, for a night game against the Orioles if you are a baseball fan. There are cruise ships of the Baltimore Harbor that leave every hour or two. The U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis is not too far by car. Bus tours to nearby Washington, D.C. are also very popular.

Hope to see many of you eastern folks within easy driving range who might not have made the trip to our Las Vegas Convention. If you've received this updated information too late, it might convince you to switch to first class delivery of your club magazine.



Letters to the Editor

(WE DONE GOOD!)

Dear Mr. President & Editor:

A note of congratulations, to you and your staff for putting together an outstanding convention. It is easy to criticize things you don't like, but seldom is the praise recognized for a tremendous job accomplished. As a first time event, it will hopefully lead the way to many more down the road. It was nice to meet so many of the people in person with which I have written and spoken to over the past year. The swap session was one of the major highlights for me to obtain a variety of new material. Most of the dealers were helpful in providing assistance on needed chips. I truly had a good time, and look forward to the coming year. Again, a tremendous job fullfilled..... Take yourselves a bow!

Dick Brach R-761

(WE DONE NOT SO GOOD?)

Dear President & Editor:

This letter is a strong criticism on the way the Auctioneer conducted the bidding process of lot 146... A.C. $5 Hilton chip.

The bidding has progressed to $220 at which time the Auctioneer had asked for additional bids numerous times. With no responses he looked at me and said done! When an additional bid came forward he reopened the bidding. If you have any doubts that the bidding was not closed, Bruce Landau, standing by the Auctioneer during the bidding came over to me at break and apologized for the way the club handled this bid. Bruce knew the bidding had closed. I mentioned this to the Auctioneer that he had closed the bid. He indicated this was his auction and as Auctioneer he could do how he please as he was in control. Repeatedly on numerous prior lots he said DONE and the bid was closed. He frequently told bidders they were too late, and would not accept their additional bid. **(Editor's Note: Club Auction Chairman Bruce Landau has a different version of what did not happen)**

As Club Members, are we supposed to be friends with morals and integrity, or are we trying to squeeze out every last cent without resrvation to get the club its 10% Auction fee?!!!

I am writing not as a club member with only monetary loss, but over an issue of ethics about what is right and wrong. If no action is taken to correct this error by the executive commmittee, this event could well repeat itself at the next auction. I would appreciate a response to this letter expressing the clubs leadership views. I have no objection if this letter is published as a Dear Editor letter and placed in the next club bulletin.

Dick Brach R-761

(See responses from Auctioneer Kruse and Club President Black)

RESPONSE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The calling of the auction is completely in the hands of the Auctioneer. Club member/auctioneer Jim Kruse, who is a professional auctioneer by trade, volunteered his time, talents and services to serve as our convention auctioneer, for which the club is very grateful. I compare an auctioneer to much like an umpire or a referee at a ballgame. He has total control of calling the game. His decisions are final. Member Brach continued his spirited bidding by several increments against at least two other active bidders in attendance, well past the $220 mark. In fact, immediately after lot #146 was successfully won by bidder Brach, at a record $380, Mr. Brach expressed his joy in obtaining the prized lot to his competitive underbidder, Mr. Russell Diaz. Member Diaz has told me that in his opinion there was a pause at the $220 level at which time one bidder dropped out of the race but that he (Diaz) jumped in with his bid at the next bid asked level, prior to the auctioneer awarding the lot to anyone, and that the bidding progressed from there to $380.

As for the "morals and integrity" question (which I resent) "trying to squeeze out every last cent without reservation to get the club its 10% Auction fee" it didn't make much difference in the overall success of the auction if the club got $22 for a $220 bid or $38 for the $380 bid. The difference being only $16. The job of the auctioneer is to get the best price someone is willing to bid for a particular lot on behalf of the consignor and for the club. Had member Brach been the consignor instead of the bidder, I'm certain that his viewpoints would be opposite of those expressed.

In conclusion, I've promised club member Brach that should the club conduct another public auction in the future, be assured that the auctioneer will be given a gavel so that <u>everyone</u> will know whether a particular lot has been declared "SOLD" or not.

RESPONSE FROM CLUB AUCTIONEER JIM KRUSE

Congratulations to you and all of the club officers for putting together a great convention. We're already looking foward to next year.

In response to Mr. Brach's letter, there are several inaccuracies in his statements. When dealing with a group of bidders who are somewhat inexperienced I always try to ask runner-up bidders if they are "done" or "finished". I <u>NEVER</u> use the word "done" to indicate a sold lot, but use the terms "sold", "you bought it", etc. I did not personally know any of the consignors or bidders, nor did I consign any of my own items to the auction. I was not paid for my services which I am happy to donate to any club or charity. Where is the incentive for me to take advantage of Mr. Brach? Certainly no one held a gun to his head to make him continue past the $220 figure. He was free to stop bidding at any time. Perhaps he does not understand the auction process. I would be happy to help him clarify any misconceptions or answer any questions he has about auctions in the future.

I felt the auction was very successful for the club and the collectors. I am sorry for any misunderstandings, but will accept one lone complaint out of 102 registered bidders and guests. Thank you for the opportunity to respond. Jim Kruse Auction Services R-632

Dear Editor:

It was great! To see old friends; to meet new ones; to meet in person people with whom I've been corresponding (buying and trading all these years)! Congratulations! Your personal stamp on the convention was obvious and much of the success is due to your efforts.

I hope that you will accept the following concerns in the spirit intended. If others read this and agree, perhaps we might make some minor changes in 1994. In neither case was I personally afffected.

1) **THE AUCTION** - Mail bidding. I am glad you allowed it and think it should be encouraged in future auctions. I may have misunderstood the ground rules, but it appeared to me that those persons who bid by mail received the items bid if their bids were high regardless of how high above the second live bidder they may have been. If so, that doesn't seem fair to the mail bidders. Back east, if mail bidding is permitted the item is knocked down at a percentage (or dollar amount for low priced items) over the second bidder. Thus, if Mail Bidder "X" bid a high $100 on a lot and the next bidder was out at $25, "X" would get the lot at $25 plus the percentage.... and not the $100 maximum he authorized be bid. In some cases, an auctioneer's employee bids the mail bidder in until his/her highest bid is topped or the mail bid is not topped. It seems to me that our 1993 practice is unfair. Unless we want to discourage mail bidding, we ought to reexamine the procedures. I would invite responses from others.
(Editors Note: Auction Chairman Landau stated at the beginning of the sale that "there were no ground rules established". With 240 lots, at one minute average per lot, equals 240 minutes.... or four hours. The club officers and the auctioneer had discussions where to start the bidding on lots that had no minimums and our thoughts at the time were that if someone was willing to bid "x" for a particlular lot, let's start the bidding there to save a lot of time. Perhaps we should reconsider our logic next time. In the absence of pre-stated ground rules however, none can be assumed. Every auction is different and one must read the "terms of sale". For the record, there were less than 30 lots that went to mail bidders.

2) **THE SHOW**. In accordance with the rules, only sellers were permitted into the show during set-up on Thursday. All others, whether members or just the buying public, were kept out until the ribbon was cut. I managed to get in by virtue of my relationship with several sellers. I did not buy but did converse. I strongly oppose a show practice that precludes members from entering the floor during the "set-up". We are not just "the public". We should not be treated in the manner we would be if we were in attendance at a regular show. Why not? Think about it. I came 2500 miles; not just to buy but to see old friends and visit with them. That opportunity was best served as they set up. Once the show opened my dealer friends had very little time for conversations. On Thursday I was able to help some of them with their displays and converse to the extent that they wanted conversation. If I had been inclined to be an "early buyer" what harm would occur? After all, you permitted the dealers to buy and trade in the pre-show period. Unlike the general public, I am little different from a majority of the sellers except that I trade and buy only.... I do not sell. Why shouldn't members be given special sales day privileges? (Ed. Note: Dealers; {i.e. members with tables}, paid $100+ for that "privilege")

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR; CONTINUED

My suggestion is that you let any members in during set-up time. After all, if a dealer doesn't want to talk, she doesn't have to talk and certainly doesn't have to sell. If, however, there is truly important sales management problem with early buyers let me suggest that 1) members be admitted and no sales allowed between dealers or members until the show is opened officially to the public. (Ed. Note: That's impossible to enforce!)

In any event, once again Archie, congratulations on a great show. May you live long to do many many more. Travis Lewin R-111

(Show Chairman's strong response:) I've got to disagree with member Lewin's observations. The reason for not allowing non-dealers into the show area during set-up hours is a security consideration and has nothing to do with "public vs. member" or how far one has travelled to a show. When dealers are setting up their tables, they are very vulnerable to thefts from persons not authorized to be inside the room. Dealers are unpacking their inventories and setting up their back-up tables, making several trips unloading their vehicles, and are not necessarily watching their tables. Not all dealers arrive at the same time nor are they all set up at the same time. It's a very hectic period. On occassion dealers do wander from their tables to do business or to speak with other dealers during set-up, leaving their tables unattended for brief periods of time. Virtually every major show provides for this type of security feature during set-up period and it is not something to take lightly..... nor is it something I would consider changing in the future. Members & dealers have plenty of opportunities to socialize before, during and/or after the show opens and closes. Our "Early Bird Wine & Cheese Welcome" drew close to 100 club members (dealers are members too) the evening before the show openened. Our swap session was another excellent forum to converse and meet old friends and make new ones. Sorry Professor, I won't bend on this one. With all due respect, and please do not take offense, but had I known that you were on the floor without dealer credentials during set-up I would have asked our security officer to request that you leave. I'm certain that 99% of the dealers will side with me on this one. All we need is one situation to occur where a dealer or two got ripped off and then we receive lots of criticism about lack of security. We can't have it both ways. There will be no "non-dealers" knowingly in before the show opens to the "public" at any convention that I'm charged with being the Show Chairman. No offense intended. I hope that other members have been enlightened as to my policy.

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Pictured are just a few of the many members who took advantage of the "Members Swap Session" held during the dealer's set-up night, prior to the convention official opening.

Dear Editor:

I just wanted to drop you a quick note to tell you that I thought you and your fellow club officers and members did a great job putting on our convention, I visited all the dealers, enjoyed seeing the exhibits, bought three auction lots and enjoyed the presntation by Mr. Seymour. I also had fun at the reception Thursday night and the trading session that followed. I look forward to next year's show.

I thought you might find the following story that occurred the day after the convention amusing. I went to the 8:00 mass Sunday morning at the Shrine of the Most Holy Redeemer, located behind the Tropicana Hotel. The church was only about 1/2 full and as the mass was about to end the priest got up and asked if any of the people in attendance were from out of town. Of course a great many hands were raised. He then asked if anyone was here for the "Casino Chip Show". I raised my hand but did not see any others go up. He then explained that there was "actually a convention in town of people who collect casino chips." This was met with some laughter from the congregation so he launched into a brief explanation saying that "when casino "Brand X" closes the chips used there must be destroyed so these people collect the chips and trade them with each other." This was met with more laughter so he gave up. I guess our hobby is still a bit hard to understand, even in Las Vegas, but it is good to see that we are making progress in being accepted by the clergy. Maybe in a few years we will have better luck with the congregation!.

Thanks again for a great show. Tom Hitselberger R-343

Stuck on a hobby

Your ordinary collector goes for stamps or coins, but **Thomas Martin** of Freiburg, Germany, has a thing for chewing gum. His 2,561 assorted packs, collected over 17 years from around the globe, give him Guinness Book of Records' title as the world's collecting-est chewing gum aficionado

If the congregation thought that WE are odd, they should get a real belly-laugh from this news item!

Sonny's Funny

Ann Foretay, administrative assistant to **Nick Ribis**, chief executive officer of the Trump Hotels and Gaming Resorts in Atlantic City, says "The best cure for insomnia is to get plenty of sleep . . ."

Dear Editor:

Fifteen years ago, when I was an avid but lonely collector, I never would have dreamed that an event like this could ever exist! As far as I'm concerned, everything went perfectly and no problems. Great Job!! Walter Dirzulaitis CH-031

"Pssst! Matey, wanna buy some Casino De Isthmus chips?"

CAVEAT EMPTOR
"BUYER BEWARE"

With literally hundreds of new members joining the club since Michael Knapp's article on bogus casino chips which appeared on these pages last year, (Volume 5, Issue #2). I thought it would be a good idea to bring some of our new members up to date with this timely warning. The following chips are NOT legitimate casino chips! Some were made for movie props and were never used in any legitimate casino. Subsequently, they are now being sold over the counter by Paulson's for about .60 cents each for home use

PYRAMID CASINO; CASINO DE ISTHMUS; CRAZY LEGS CASINO; CASINO DE MEXICO; "SS" (for Silver State Casino); and others.

In fact, there are no such casinos with these names. They are "fantasy" chips. We have no quarrel with dealers who sell them for what they are. We do have serious objections when these items are misrepresented as genuine casino chips on the part of those who know better. We object to ripping off collectors who are new to the hobby for the sake of turning a quick buck on questionable material. Technically, these chips could be considered as "gaming chips" since many of them might have been used as wagers during "Vinny's Saturday Night Poker Games" at his kitchen table. "Casino" chips they are not! If you think that you have been "taken" by someone who sold you these items as genuine, I would suggest that you find yourself another source of chips, because in all probability you'll be taken advantage of again by those who are unscrupulous.

Actually, club member J. Lewi prompted this message by bringing to the club's attention that during the Sacramento Valley Coin Club's "Coin-A-Rama" held earlier this year, "no fewer than three dealers were selling "Casino De Isthmus" movie prop chips as if they were legitimate casino chips." One dealer stated that he knew "nothing about them". A second dealer insisted that they were "real casio chips". The third, when Mr. Lewi explained the origin of the chips and suggested that the dealer place them with other chips he had marked as "souvenir chips", the dealer became irate and demanded that Mr. Lewi leave the area in front of his tables. Should any of our members encounter some of these "dealers" at future similar type shows, I would suggest you bring the matter to the attention of the show officials. They don't want dealers misrepresenting what they are selling either. You might also want to follow up with a letter of complaint to the club officers of the sponsoring organization who put the show on.

Folks, if you see dealers at shows offering this material as "genuine casino chips", please send me their names. If they are members of CC&GTCC, we will take action if they are found guilty of misrepresentation. If the offenders are members of the American Numismatic Association, the club can file a complaint with the A.N.A. I've already filed complaints with Numismatic News and Coin World about classified ads which misrepresented these type chips. These ads have been stopped after the newspapers contacted the advertisers. YOU can make a difference, and together we can wipe out some of these ugly blots on our otherwise fine hobby.

"AN INTERESTING STORY OF PUERTO RICO CHIPS.....GREED IN OUR HOBBY?"

By Miguel Carlo CH-075

Our story begins many years ago when the old El Conquistador Hotel and Club closed down. The hotel was located near the town of Fajardo on the extreme north-eastern corner of the island. The hotel complex was quite large, expecially since it was near a small town and a considerable distance from San Juan, the capital. Due to this fact, many tourists chose instead to stay at hotels in or near the capital. As a result, the El Conquistador was forced to close down due to financial problems. To date, the El Conquistador has not reopened, but rumors persist that it will in the future.

About a year after the hotel closed, the chips from the casino started to be destroyed by being thrown into the Puerto Rico Trench, "second deepest body of water in the world." After more than half the chips had been destroyed, the government gave permission for the remaining chips to be sold to a man by the name of Walter DeAmbrogio who used to work with the gaming company. Walter later opened a samll shop dedicated to the sale of casino supplies to the casinos themselves.... and not to the general public. Walter also worked in the casinos as a roulette coupier and later as Pit Boss.

When the Mayaquez Hilton first decided to open a small casino, Walter got permission to use some of the old El Conquistador chips until they could get new chips later on. The El Conquistador chips had their center inlays removed and new inlays with "International Casino Management, P.R." and the denomination affixed to the old El Conquisador clay chip bodies. These chips were used for about six months and new ones with a "M H" logo were brought in. The old chips were then taken to the town trash dump and destroyed by incineration. Known chips from the International Casino Management are as follows:

$1.00 Biege	five	1/4 purple with H&C edge mold
$1.00 Black	three	1/2 turquoise with H&C edge mold
$5.00 Reddish brown	three	1/2 pink with H&C edge mold
$25.00 Light green	four	1/2 white with Dice and Cards edge mold
$100 Black	eight	1/4 yellow with H&C edge mold

Known varieties for these chips are as follows:

$1.00	Comma below "N" of "CASINO"	(control mark)
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$100.00	Various lines _ / I - due to "bad printing"	

At about the same time, some additional El Conquistador chips were used by Walter to make chips for the Hotel Casino Lina in Santo Domingo "Dominican Republic". Since I don't know all of the types used, I will not list them here at the present time, but I do want you to know where other chips were used.

During the later part of 1985, the Dutch Inn Hotel recieved permission from the Puerto Rico govenment for the opening of a casino. Due to time

limitations, Walter supplied not only the tables but the chips as well. Again the old El Conquistador chips were used with new center inlays which said, "Dutch Inn San Juan, P.R." and the value. This process used up most of the remaining El Conquistador chips in Walter's possession, but not all of them. The Dutch Inn opened their casino on December 19, 1985. The chips themselves have many varieties due to control marks, double lettering, etc.

About the middle of 1985 I met Walter for the first time and had purchased the remaining El Conquistador chips in his inventory. At the end of 1986 and beginning of 1987, Walter introduced three more old chips in the Dutch Inn. They were as follows:

$1.00	Beige	three 1/4 brown inserts, large key mold... made from old La Gente $1.00 chips.
$1.00	Beige	three 1/4 grey inserts, same mold as above.
$1.00	Grey	three 3/8 blue inserts, H-H-H mold from New Palace.

All of the previous chips were used until April, 1988 when they were completely replaced by Bud Jones chips with metal centers. The old chips were stored at the casino and partly at Walter's shop. Chips that were under inventory could not be sold and ones in real bad condition were destroyed. I had some that I had gotten at the casino which I saved for myself. In 1981 Walter received permission to decommision some of the Dutch Inn chips and he re-purchased them from the casino. He sold a few to me for my own collection and promised to sell me more at a later date when he could clear the sale. In 1992 I again bought another small lot of chips from Walter.

In all the years Walter and I have done business, we have never had any kind of problems, and there has never been a problem with the chips themselves, or with any of the persons who bought them. Now, at the beginning of 1993, all that has changed and this is where our story of greed begins.

I first became aware of the "problem" when past customers and friends began writing to ask me about Dutch Inn - International Casino Management chips, in many cases listing chips I know do not exist..... or perhaps I should say, were never used for that casino. Also, high values, $100 & $500 Dutch Inn chips started to turn up. I went to Walter and talked to him. Walter explained that he had sold some low value cnips, ($25 & under) but that someone had stolen some of the high value chips that were still under inventory. Whover that person is, also took center inserts from one chip and used it on others. If you have an International Casino chip different from the ones I had described, it is NOT genuine! If you have any doubts about any Dutch Inn chips you have that were not purchased from me, you are invited to write to the following address: Miguel Carlo, Calle Isolina #48, Urb. La Concepcion, Cabo Rojo, PR 00623. I will try to answer any and all questions.

The primary reason for doing this article is to clear up the rumors that I am counterfeiting chips. I do not counterfeit chips. I study and try to learn as much as possible about them! I believe, as Archie Black our President believes, that the more information we have, the less a person with greed can cheat you. I am a collector first of all and a

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'CHIPS VS. TOKENS'
PART 3

By Dave Harvey R-182

In years past, several states (Mississippi, South Dakota, Iowa, Colorado) have authorized casino gambling by using historic themes; (i.e.) Riverboat, Old Mining Town, etc. Many of these casinos carry the historical theme to their current tokens.

#1

Photo #1 is the portrait of Doc Holliday from Central City, Colorado. The reverse, photo #2, shows the OK Corral Gate. Of course the OK Corral was in Kansas, not Colorado, but what the heck..it's Western history!

#2

Photo #3: In keeping with the Las Vegas tradition, the El Dorado Casino in Blackhawk, Colorado has a very well detailed engraving of their building. The reverse of the El Dorado tokens (they have a series) as shown in photo's #4, #5, #6, continues the historical theme. Scenes this time are from historic Colorado. Again, just excellent examples of the engravers art.

Photo #7: The Mesquki Bingo/Casino in Tama, Iowa. A beautiful portrait of an authentic looking plains Indian. The detail on this token I'm certain is lost after only a short time through the slot machines. However, we collectors can preserve these fine examples of art on tokens for posterity.

#3

#4

#5

#6

#7

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The Chip Of The Year (1992) as voted by the CCGTCC members is the CHIPCO from Lilly Belle's in Blackhawk, Colorado. Photo #8 is the outstanding Lilly Belle's token. A token which NCM should be extremely proud of.

Chips 27.... Tokens 27.... end of game.

When I started this series, it was kind of tongue in cheek to make it a chip and token competition. I would like to continue the series, but under a different title. With the help of Archie and Janice.. or any other club member, maybe we can find a more suitable title. Also, I can only photograph what is in my personal collection. If any club members (or private mints) have any tokens, old or new, which they would like to see featured, please send them to me and I'll take a photo and return your tokens promptly. Please don't send any tokens until October, 1993 as we have enough material for future articles until then. It would be nice to do a profile on some of these artistic private mint engravers. How about it NCM, CT, etc.? Send us some information!! I can be reached at 17279 San Carlos Blvd. Ft. Myers Beach, Florida 33931.

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FIRST "ROCKY MEETING" SUCCESSFUL

By Clyde Massaro R-958

First Meeting of the **Casino Chips and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Colorado Chapter.** Easy for you to say, but getting there was only half the fun.

The first thing needed was a place to meet. My wife Karen supplied that answer. She had won a "Casino Party" for 25 of her closest friends from the Jubilee Casino in Cripple Creek, Colorado. It included bus transportation to and from the casino, a meal, a $1 Slot Token, a free spin on a Jackpot Slot, entry in a Caribbean Cruise Contest, and Champagne, for each member of the party. (We did have to chip-in $2.00 each to ride from Denver rather than Colorado Springs, due to the extra hour of drive time each way.)

The next thing was who to invite. That's where Jan O'Neal and Earl Donley, two of our club officers came to the rescue. After talking with Jan and then Earl, I had a list of Colorado Members to invite. This is where I made my second mistake. (The first was picking the Easter Holiday weekend.) I sent the invitations out RSVP and waited for the phone replies. I didn't have a meeting place set up for the people from Denver and/or Colorado Springs until 3 days prior to the party. But we cleared that hurtle, meeting at 8:45 A.M. on April 10th, 1993 at the Regency Inn Hotel parking lot in Denver.

This was a first meeting (Face to Face) for almost all of us. Fine group of people if I must say so myself. Due to the previous plans of many of the members, and lack of interest from a very few, and even a few no-shows, our numbers, including some possible (but not yet) future members were 19 strong. As we introduced ourselves, I sensed a bit of a magical feeling as though we belonged together. "De Ja Vue?" Nah... Just a bunch of people with a wonderful zest for life and a desire to live it to the fullest.

The "Chip Chatter" was spontaneous and lively. It began before the bus arrived and continued for two and a half hours till we arrived at the casino. Hank Menges, the bus driver from AAA Charters, Inc. was competent and witty. He made the ride safe and enjoyable (with his verbal lashing of road hogs and slow drivers along the way.)

I found it fascinating the way he drove the mountains with that 40 foot bus the way I used to drive them in my Z28 Camaro. He mentioned that his company did bus tours to Deadwood and to the Mississippi River Boats as well (Maybe future meetings?).

When we arrived we were greeted by a Marketing Representative from the casino who gave us the Tokens, Meal Tickets and Fun Books, and took our picture as we all stood in front of the Jubilee and smiled for the camera. Say "Jackpot". We all decided to eat first and then get on to the more "serious aspects" of the day. The Jubilee Buffet is cafeteria style, and the food offerings were quite tasty. This was the first time here for several of the group, and they were in a hurry to explore Cripple Creek. We agreed to meet at the front of the casino to catch our ride back down the hill at 5:00 P.M.. The "serious aspects" were Black Jack, Slots and chip and token collecting.

I was winning another hand of Black Jack when I was happily interrupted by Dick Vierra, who had driven 280 miles from the Western Slope town of Paonia, Colorado with Marilyn Robbins and her husband, to meet us. We talked about slot tokens from Las Vegas and

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the commemorative .999 silver tokens of Colorado's Mining Districts. He told us there are sixty different variations of the four token set. Dick is quite knowledgeable about tokens and has thousands of them in his collection. We all wanted to visit longer but Dick was on a quest for more silver, and I was on a roll, not to mention the fact that the casino was pretty crowded and they wanted me to play or give up my seat at the table. I played. I won. Then it was time to motivate. Four hours left to visit the remaining twenty-five open casinos in Cripple Creek. The quest... Looking, seeking, finding that one piece that fills you with a glow as you smugly pop it in you pocket and move on to the next target. I found one at Maverick's Casino. A .999 Silver Commemorative struck in the same image as their $1 Tokens. Then down Bennett Street to the next and the next and the next. Fortunately I won a hand or two here and there and was able to pick up a nice "Greenie" Chipco at The Silver Mine and a few other items along the way. I mentioned that I was with a group of collectors at a few casino cages and was informed that there did seem to be more in town than usual. (Even a small group can have an impact.)

Time sure flys when you're having fun. Back to the bus, and our (sort of) formal meeting. Ken Fisk's wife Sara, an associate member, agreed to take notes. We called the meeting to order and asked for new business, being that there wasn't any old business to discuss. We decided that the club should meet about once a month at different locations. We voted that the next meeting be in Gilpin County. (Central City and Black Hawk are the other two towns in Colorado that have legalized gambling and are one mile apart in Gilpin County, off highway 93.) We also discussed the possibility of creating a Chip or Token that would be ours to promote the "Colorado Chapter" and help raise a little money to perpetuate our meetings. (You can only play with the house's money for so long.) Gary Saint said he has a press and Allen Cupler is an engraver. (You never know the talents people have unless you ask.)

We all agreed that we had a good time, and that we all wanted to do it again, soon. (Most of us won, except for Karen.) We closed the meeting and reverted back to "Chip Chatter".

"Q" (Richard Quagliato) told me about an excellent Black Jack Tutor for the computer called "Masque Blackjack". It keeps track of your errors and winnings and hopefully you become a better player.

Since "The First Meeting", I have met with Stan Hartwig, another Colorado member, and he told me of the FREE bus service from Denver to The Golden Rose Casino for groups of twenty-five or more.

Looks like the next meeting will be at the Golden Rose. Stan said he would try to "comp" us all a meal. (Pretty tall order if you ask me.) By the way, while Stan and I talked, Karen hit three white sevens on a $1 Slot at the Golden Rose, so now we're even, sort of.

What I have learned from this first meeting, from all who attended and even those that couldn't, is that we CC&GTCC members are a group of friendly, fun loving, vibrant people, and I would highly recommend other groups get together with the members in their area for fun and gaming. Happy chippin' ~\CC/~.

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ROCKY MOUNTAIN CREW AT CRIPPLE CREEK'S JUBILEE CASINO

Club member Ken Fisk (c) presents the CC&GTCC "1992 CHIP OF THE YEAR AWARD" to Arun Pande, President of Lilly Belle's Inc., in front of the modest Blackhawk, Colorado casino. Looking on is Bob Hill (r), also of Lilly Belle's. A beautifully decorated cake with the attractive Lilly Belle's logo was enjoyed by all during the festive occassion following the presentation of the prestigious award at noon on May 29th.

P.G. Raid Hits Gaming Operation

Nonprofit Probed For Illegal Activities

By Robert E. Pierre
Washington Post Staff Writer

Internal Revenue Service agents and Prince George's County police raided a casino gambling operation sponsored by a senior citizens center in Oxon Hill yesterday, confiscating its gambling tables, permit, some records and an undisclosed amount of cash, authorities said.

Twenty-five IRS agents and six county police officers entered the Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department firehouse in the 7600 block of Livingston Road at 11:50 a.m. and served both federal and county warrants on Zambaleneos Inc., according to IRS agents and police.

Zambaleneos Inc. operates casino gambling in a leased room in the firehouse every Friday and Sunday on behalf of Mrs. Phillipines Home for Senior Citizens, said Napoleon Lechoco, president of Mrs. Phillipines.

Prince George's police said they seized written documents, financial and computer records as evidence in an criminal investigation of "possible illegal gambling activities." No one was arrested, authorities said.

Law enforcement officials said the raid resulted from separate criminal and civil investigations. The IRS said it seized property because the Oxon Hill senior citizens home owes $1.[illegible] million in unpaid taxes.

IRS spokesman Domenic LaPonzina said Mrs. Phillipines, which is set up as a nonprofit agency, owes back taxes on the money earned from casino gambling because the gambling has nothing to do with its primary business of providing care to the elderly.

"We think the money is going to the operators brought in to conduct these activities and the charities are not getting very much," LaPonzina said, noting that income from such ventures is taxable, as are any salaries paid to employees.

Police said they are investigating how the gambling proceeds were spent and who received them. Lechoco, president of the senior citizens center, said he had asked authorities to investigate where the gambling proceeds were going.

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NEW CHIPS AND TOKENS UPDATE

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

WAS THAT A GREAT CONVENTION OR NOT?? WE HAD THE TIME OF OUR LIVES AND HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED ONE LETTER WITH THE WEEKS COUNTED UNTIL THE NEXT ONE! WE HOPE ALL OF YOU ENJOYED IT AS MUCH AS WE DID AND WILL JOIN US AGAIN NEXT YEAR. FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT COULDN'T MAKE IT, YOU MISSED A GOOD TIME AND MAYBE WE CAN PERSUADE YOU TO JOIN US NEXT YEAR. ENOUGH SAID, ON TO WHAT YOU ARE WAITING TO HEAR ABOUT---CHIPS AND TOKENS!!

CHIPS IN NEVADA ARE STILL EXTREMELY SLOW, BUT OF COURSE BAR TOKENS KEEP US BUSY. ALADDIN ISSUED A GREAT $5 CHIPCO FOR CC&GTCC CONVENTION! SLOTS A FUN LV NEW .25 BJ 8 SUIT--HS. RUMORS OF A $5 BALLY'S LV CHIPCO FOR TOM JONES WERE JUST THAT--RUMORS AND IT WAS NEVER ISSUED.

JOKERS WILD (EX-CATTLE BARON) HEND OPEN 4-1-93, .25 H&C ORG--HS, $1 H&C BLU 2 RED--BLU BLK RED WHT CI, & $5 H&C RED 3 PCH/DK PRP--BLU BLK RED WHT CI. EDGEWATER, LAU HAS A $2 CHIPCO IN THE RACE & SPORTS BOOK ONLY, USED ON TWIN-Q BET. COLORS ARE MULTI GRN/BLU. GOLD RIVER, LAU ISSUED $5 CHIPCO FOR "1993 RIVER RUN". A GATHERING OF MOTORCYCLE PEOPLE AND THERE IS A NEAT MOTORCYCLE ON THE CHIP. THE LITTLE CASINO AT INDIAN SPRINGS CALLED INDIAN SPRINGS CASINO IS NOW CLOSED PERMANENTLY.

RIVERBOAT, RENO $5 CHIPCO FOR "5TH YEAR ANNIV." "1993 COLLECTORS EDITION". I AM TOLD THIS IS THE FIRST OF AN ON GOING SERIES. THIS ONE HAS "RIVERBOAT WILLIE" COMSTOCK, RENO $5 CHIPCO "[illegible] BIRTHDAY" "MAY 15TH 1976-1993" THIS ONE I'M TOLD IS THE FIRST ONE OF A SERIES OF FOUR. STAY TUNED! RENO HILTON RESORT $5 CHIPCO "RENO INDYCAR GRAND PRIX" "ROLLING THUNDER JUNE 4-6, 1993" BOOMTOWN, VERDI $5 CHIPCO "FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT CENTER", PICTURE OF CAROUSEL HORSE & "JUNE 1, 1993" NUGGET, FALLON NEW .25 CHIP H&C ORG--HS.

AND I'M AFRAID THAT'S ALL I HAVE FOR NEVADA CHIP COLLECTORS THIS TIME--SO ON TO TOKENS!
CAESARS PALACE LV $5 (1993) CT; HACIENDA LV $5 1993 CT BRASS; NEVADA PALACE LV $1 (1993) CT; JOKERS WILD HEND $1 (1993) GDC; TRIPLE J BINGO HALL & CASINO 725 S RACE TRACK RD HEND OFF BOULDER HWY BINGO & SLOTS ONLY. NO LIVE GAMES-NO CHIPS. $1 TOKEN (1993) NCM.

HARRAH'S LAU 1993 NCM $1. THERE IS A NEW LOOKING (1990)? CT TOKEN AT PIONEER LAU BUT ALL SEEM TO BE BADLY DIE CRACKED. OBVERSE ABOUT 10:30 WAY INTO THE HAT. SINCE THOSE WERE FOUND THERE IS ANOTHER NEW $1 TOKEN THERE ALSO, (1993) NCM. PEPPERMILL RENO 1992 GDC $1, 1991 WAS GD. THE 1992 HAS A VERY DIFFERENT REVERSE. RENO HILTON RESORT (1992) NCM HAS BOTH COIN ALIGN & MEDAL ALIGN REVERSE. GAMBLER RENO JUST OPENED IN OLD EDDIES FABULOUS FIFTIES ON VIRGINIA STREET. SLOTS ONLY, NO TABLES, NO CHIPS. $1 TOKEN 1993 LM. TOKEN SHOWS NEW ROUND TOP SLOT MACHINE.

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AT SOME TIME THERE HAS BEEN A RE-STRIKE OF THE 1979 (LM) WINNERS INN, WINN TOKEN. THE RIM LETTERS ON THE SECOND ONE ARE WIDER & FLATTER THAN THE ORIGINAL STRIKE. SINCE THERE IS NO WAY TO TELL NOW WHICH YEAR THE RE-STRIKE CAME OUT, THEY WILL BE LISTED AS TYPE I & TYPE II IN 1979.

NOW WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR---MORE BAR TOKENS!! IN LAS VEGAS: DEBREIFING ROOM, DANIELS SHORTSTOP (1993) CT, FRATELLI RISTORANTE & LOUNGE, HERITAGE LOUNGE (SAYS NLV ON TOKEN), MAGOO'S (A 2ND MAGOO'S 2585 E FLAMINGO) WAS HARLOW'S SPEAKEASY; WHISKEY RIVER SALOON 1247 E SAHARA (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH WHISKEY CREEK SALOON 4741 E CHARLESTON); O'ACES BAR & GRILL, ROUTE COMPANY ON THIS ONE IS "SES". ANOTHER NEW ONE JOINS THE CROWD! CHAPMAN'S PUB, CHINESE VILLAGE 608 N RAINBOW ONLY. HENNESSY'S--(CLASSICS TOKENS NOW OBSOLETE). ICHABOD'S WITH ANOTHER NEW ROUTE COMPANY-GLOBAL GAMING; TOM & JERRY'S AND ONE FOR THE PEPPERMILL RESTAURANT ON LV BLVD S.

HIGHLANDER LOUNGE 1992 TOKEN IS OBSOLETE, DOLLAR SLOTS ARE GONE. IT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED THERE WERE TWO TOKENS FOR SAIL-IN CONVENIENCE STORE LV (NOW "QUICK N EASY" WITH NO TOKENS) (1988) NCM & (1989) C.T. 4/29/93 THE CAVE WAS "CLOSED FOR REMODELING" WITH A CHAIN & PADLOCK ON THE DOOR! ANOTHER SHORT LIVED TOKEN!

CANNON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, RENO HAS NEW (1992) CT TOKEN, THIS ONE HAS IGT ROUTE COMPANY ON REVERSE. CHINA

CHEF RESTAURANT, INCLINE VILLAGE USING IKES, TOKENS NOW OBSOLETE.

NEW STORE TOKENS: ALBERTSONS STORES (RENO) (1992) CT SMALL, UNITED COIN. SMITH'S FOOD DRUG (RENO) (1992) CT SMALL, ANCHOR COIN (NO DATE ON ANCHOR)

A NEW TYPE OF TOKEN THAT REALLY SEEMS TO BE CATCHING ON IS THE $7 SILVER STRIKE TOKEN. IT IS A .999 SILVER TOKEN ABOUT THE SAME SIZE AS DOLLAR TOKENS. THESE NEW TOKENS ARE "WON" BY PLAYING QUARTERS. THE SILVER TOKENS CAN THEN BE TURNED IN AT THE CASHIER FOR $7.00 IN CASH OR, OF COURSE, KEPT FOR
YOUR COLLECTION. THEY SEEM TO BE A LIMITED ISSUE AND EACH TIME A NEW SUPPLY COMES IT IS DIFFERENT IN SOME WAY, MAKING THEM EXTREMELY HARD TO KEEP UP WITH. STARDUST LV ALREADY HAS 4 DIFFERENT TYPES: TYPE I (1993) NCM FULL REEDED WITH A SMOOTH FACE PLATE IN THE SLOT MACHINE; TYPE II (1993) NCM FULL REEDED WITH THE WORD "WINNER" IN THE FACE PLATE; TYPE III IS LM FULL REEDED & TYPE IV IS LM PARTIAL REEDING. CIRCUS CIRCUS LV (1993) NCM FULL REEDED & (1993) CT PARTIAL REEDING. ALADDIN LV (1993) CT FULL REEDED & (1993) CT PARTIAL REEDING. I AM TOLD ALL FUTURE SILVER STRIKE TOKENS WILL BE PARTIAL REEDED SO THEY CAN BE EASILY SPOTTED IF ANY HAPPEN TO GET MIXED IN A RACK WITH $1 TOKENS. ALL $1 TOKENS ARE EITHER FULL REEDED OR SMOOTH EDGE, SO THE PART REEDED ONES WOULD STAND OUT AT A QUICK GLANCE. BE ON THE LOOK OUT FOR TYPE II PART REEDED FOR ANY OF THE ONES WE ALREADY HAVE A FULL REEDED ONE OF.

WE ALREADY HAVE THE FIRST OBSOLETE SILVER STRIKE TOKEN, AS THE MACHINES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM McCARRAN AIRPORT AND THE TOKENS ARE GONE.

NEW SILVER STRIKES JUST OUT AT CALIFORNIA HOTEL LV AND THERE ARE ALREADY 4 DIFFERENT DESIGNS THAT ARE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS (WANNA BET THERE WILL BE MORE?) THE FIRST TWO ARE FULL REEDED, THE SECOND TWO ARE PARTIAL REEDED, SO WE CAN LOOK FOR TYPE II ON THE FIRST ONES WITH PARTIAL REEDING LATER ON.

SILVER STRIKES IN LAU: GOLD RIVER, FULL REEDED; RIVERSIDE, FULL REEDED; EDGEWATER, FIRST ISSUE NCM, FULL REEDED, SECOND ISSUE LM, FULL REEDED; HARRAH'S, FIRST ISSUE NCM, FULL REEDED, SECOND ISSUE LM, FULL REEDED AND THIRD ISSUE IS LM, PART REEDING.

RENO HILTON RESORT NCM, FULL REEDED; FLAMINGO HILTON,

RENO NCM, FULL REEDED; COMSTOCK, RENO FIRST ISSUE #1 GOLD PANNER, FULL REEDED COIN ALIGN, SECOND ISSUE #2 ASSAYER, FULL REEDED MEDAL ALIGN & THIRD ISSUE #3 STAGECOACH, PART REEDED MEDAL ALIGN.

THERE IS A VARIATION ON THE SILVER CLUB, SPARKS TYPE I PARTIAL FROSTING UNDER MINER'S RUMP, FULL REEDED. TYPE II FULL FROSTING UNDER MINERS RUMP, FULL REEDED. HARRAH'S TAHOE HAS TWO ALSO, BUT I HAVEN'T SEEN THE SECOND ONE YET. HARVEY'S TAHOE FIRST ISSUE #1 STAGECOACH, FULL REEDED COIN ALIGN; SECOND ISSUE #2 TRAIN, FULL REEDED MEDAL ALIGN AND THIRD ISSUE #1 STAGECOACH, FULL REEDED MEDAL ALIGN.
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A COMPUTER CHECK LIST OF THE NEVADA SILVER STRIKE TOKENS, PLEASE SEND LONG SASE TO: JANICE O'NEAL 1836 FISK RD. HOWELL, MI 48843.

CALIFORNIA: MORE NEW CHIPS AT NORMANDIE IN GARDENA, ALL BJ WITH DECAL CANTER INLAY, .50 DK GRN 3 LT BLU, $1 DK BLU 4 RED & $10 ORG 8 BLK.

COLORADO: BLACKHAWK; PICK-A-DILLY OPEN 4-2-93 NEXT TO GILPIN HOTEL, $5 CHIPCO & $1 TOKEN 1993 CT; LILLY BELLE'S & RICHMAN HAVE $25 CHIPCOS. OTTO'S 1992 CT TOKEN, SAME DESIGN AS 1991. GOLDEN CANARY RE-OPENED 4-2-93 AFTER BEING CLOSED FOR WINTER, SAME $1 TOKENS; GOLDEN GATES (1992) TYPE I WITH "BLACKHAWK,CO" INCUSED HAS BEEN FOUND WITH A DIE CRACK COMPLETELY ACROSS THE OBVERSE SIDE. THIS TOKEN HAS ALSO BEEN FOUND WITH "BLACKHAWK,CO" DOUBLE STAMPED. GOLD MINE ADDED $5 TOKEN (1993) CT ANTIQUE BRASS, SAME DESIGN AS $1. ROHLING INN IS CLOSED & BUILDING FOR SALE. MAIN STREET 101 IS CLOSED TO RE-MODEL.

CENTRAL CITY: BABY DOE'S SILVER DOLLAR ADDED $5 CHIP, HRS HDS RT DK MRN 3 OFF WHT/GRY--WHT RED BLK CI; PAPONE'S PALACE ADDED $5 CHIP, BJ RED 4 BLK--HS.

I THINK YOU WILL ALL AGREE, FOR A SMALL AREA, COLORADO GAMING IS REALLY GOING TO KEEP COLLECTORS GUESSING AS TO WHAT MAY HAPPEN NEXT! AS AN EXAMPLE, WE REPORTED LAST TIME THAT BONANZA SPLIT OFF THE SECOND STORY INTO A SEPERATE CASINO CALLED PETE'S PLACE....ALL THE LIVE GAMING TABLES WERE MOVED UPSTAIRS AND BONANZA CHIPS WERE DISCONTINUED. NOW BONANZA HAS PUT TABLES BACK IN AGAIN AND ISSUED NEW $5 & $25 CHIPCOS

THERE WAS A $5 CHIPCO FOR THE VERY SHORT LIVED GOLD STAR CASINO. A VERY SCANT FEW OF THESE HAVE GOTTEN OUT,

ALONG WITH A $5 TOKEN FROM THE EQUALLY SHORT LIVED RED HORSE SALOON THAT EVEN FEWER HAVE GOTTEN OUT.
DOC HOLLIDAYS HAS $5 TOKEN 1993 CT BRASS. LADY LUCK OPENS IN OLD GOLD COIN 5-28-93 (SAME LADY LUCK AS LAS VEGAS. NOW THERE IS ONE IN LV, ONE IN CNCY, CO. AND A LADY LUCK RIVERBOAT IN NATCHEZ, MISS.) THEY ARE USING GOLD COIN $1 & $5 TOKENS FOR NOW. THERE NEVER WERE ANY CHIPS AT GOLD COIN. 5-93 NEVADA HOUSE IS CLOSED. 6-93 DOC HOLLIDAYS TAKES OVER SPACE OF H.A.W.TABORS. NEWSPAPERS REPORT HARRAH'S IS BUYING INTO GLORY HOLE AND NAME MAY CHANGE TO HARRAH'S IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

CRIPPLE CREEK: LOOSE CABOOSE RE-OPENED 2-11-93, SLOTS ONLY-CHIPS ARE OBSOLETE; $25 CHIPCOS AT PHENIX HOUSE & SILVER MINE; GOLD DIGGER'S ADDED $5 & $25 CHIPCOS; TURF CLUB CLOSED 4-1-93, RE-OPENED 6-1-93, SAME CHIPS & TOKENS, EXCEPT $1 CHIP DISCONTINUED

ASPEN MINE & CASINO OPEN 5-7-93 $5 CHIPCO, $1 & $5 TOKENS. ELK CREEK GAMING OPEN 6-4-93 $5 BJ CHIP, $1 TOKEN (1993)/1991. ELK CREEK TRIED TO OPEN TWO YEARS AGO, BUT GAMING WAS POSTPONED. IT HAS BEEN OPEN AS BAR & POOL HALL ONLY UNTIL NOW.

THERE IS A $5 H&C RED 3 BLU/WHT/BLU--BLK RED WHT CI CHIP CIRCULATING AROUND FOR THE GOLDEN EAGLE. THIS CASINO HAS NEVER OPENED. JOHNNY NOLONS HAS DISCONTINUED ALL H&C CHIPS AND ISSUED A SET OF CHIPCO, $1, $5, & $25. ALSO 1993 CT TOKEN AND THIS ONE HAS ALREADY BEEN FOUND WITH A DIE CRACK. DESIGN IS SAME AS 1991.

OLD CHICAGO REMOVED POKER TABLES & DISCONTINUED $1 CHIP, ALSO ISSUED A $5 NCM TOKEN; THERE IS A $5 TOKEN (1992)RWM AVAILABLE AT JUBILEE, BUT THE $5 MACHINES HAVE NEVER BEEN INSTALLED; WOMACK'S REMOVED POKER TABLES & DISCONTINUED $1 CHIP; BRONCO BILLY'S IS EXPANDING INTO CALAMITY JO'S SPACE.

RIVERBOATS: PRESIDENT RIVERBOAT CASINO, DAVENPORT, IOWA INTRODUCED NICKEL SLOT MACHINES 3-18-93 AND NOW HAS A 1993 GDC .05 TOKEN!! PLAYERS RIVERBOAT, METROPOLIS, ILL ALSO ADDED NICKEL MACHINES AND A 1993 GDC BRASS .05 TOKEN, PLAYERS ALSO ADDED $25 SLOTS AND A 1993 GDC .999 SILVER TOKEN. AFTER ONLY ONE MONTH PLAYERS HAS DISCONTINUED THE .50 CHIP!

SIOUX CITY SIOUX, SIOUX CITY, IOWA ADDED .50 CHIP, BJ YEL 4 GRN--RED BLK BLU WHT CI, ALSO $5 CHIPCO FOR 1993 INAUGURAL CRUISE; HARRAH'S CASINO CRUISES, JOLIET, ILL

OPENED THEIR FIRST CASINO BOAT, "NORTHERN STAR" 5-4-93. SECOND BOAT "SOUTHERN STAR" COMING OCT 1993. $1-$2.50-$5 H&C CHIPS. .25-.50-$1 & $5 TOKENS (1993) GDC.

GRAND CASINO GULFPORT, GULFPORT, MISS OPEN 5-14-93 (SAME GRAND CASINO AS MINN INDIAN CASINOS) $1-$2.50-$5 H&C CHIPS,$1 & $5 TOKENS 1993 CT; LADY LUCK, NATCHEZ, MISS OPEN 5-14-93, $5 H&C CHIP, $1 & $5 TOKENS (1993) GDC

INDIAN CASINOS:--MICHIGAN; LAC VIEUX DESERT CASINO, WATERSMEET HAS ALL NEW SET OF CHIPCOS. INDIAN BRAVE & HAWK OBVERSE, 21 HAND & DICE REVERSE, .50-$1 $5, & $25. KEWADIN CASINOS IN THE UPPER PENINSULA HAS NEW CHIPCOS AT VEGAS KEWADIN CASINO, SAULT STE. MARIE AND AT KEWADIN SHORES CASINO, ST. IGNACE. THE DESIGN IS THE SAME AT BOTH CASINOS---BUT---THE COLORS ARE DIFFERENT! BOTH SETS SAY "KEWADIN CASINOS SAULT STE. MARIE, MI", SO THE ONLY WAY TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE IS BY THE COLOR! KEWADIN SHORES CHIPS AT ST. IGNACE ARE: .50 PINK, $1 LIGHT BLUE,$5 LIGHT PURPLE, & $25 YELLOW. VEGAS KEWADIN CHIPS AT SAULT STE. MARIE ARE: .50 DARK BLUE, $1 RED, $5 GRAY, & $25 GREEN. VEGAS KEWADIN HAS ALSO CHANGED THE $1 CANADIAN MONEY CHIP, LANG PLAIN RED 3 BLU--HS "CANADIAN"; THERE ARE TWO NUMBER VARIETY SETS OF CHIPS AT KINGS CLUB, BAY MILLS (ALSO THEY HAVCE CHANGED TOWN NAME FROM BAY MILLS TO BRIMLEY, MICH!!) ORIGINAL SET (TYPE I) ARE SCRIPT LIKE NUMBERS THAT ARE SHORTER. SECOND SET (TYPE II) ARE BLOCK STYLE NUMBERS THAT ARE TALLER. OBVERSE "KINGS CLUB", THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE IN THE LETTERING. KINGS CLUB ALSO HAS SET OF CANADIAN MONEY CHIPS. LANG PLAIN 3 INSERT--HS THAT SAY "KINGS CLUB BRIMLEY, MI" & KINGS HEAD LOGO OBVERSE, DENOMINATION REVERSE (NOTHING ON CHIP ABOUT BEING FOR CANADIAN MONEY ONLY). .50 YEL 3 OFF WHT, $1 OFF WHT 3 PRP, $5 RED 3 OFF WHT, & $25 GRN 3 RED. KINGS CLUB HAS ALSO CHANGED THE (1991) NCM INDIAN HEAD/TOMAHAWK TOKEN FROM SILVER COLOR (NOW OBSOLETE) TO COPPER. STILL NO NAME, NO AMOUNT, & NO DATE, JUST INDIAN HEAD OBVERSE/TOMAHAWK REVERSE & NCM MARK. NEW ONE IS (1992) NCM; KEWADIN CASINOS ALSO HAS (1992) NCM COPPER TOKEN THAT IS SMALL MINT MARK. (1991) NCM COPPER IS LARGE MINT MARK.

LEELANAU SANDS, PESHAWBESTOWN NEW 1993 CT .50 TOKEN THAT IS USED IN PLACE OF .50 CHIP ON 21 TABLES. AS OF 5-29-93 THEY HAVE ADDED DOLLAR SLOTS AND HAVE 1993 CT TOKEN, SAME DESIGN AS .50. SAGINAW-CHIPPEWA CARDROOM, MT. PLEASANT ALSO HAS NEW TOKEN, SAME "WHITE BUFFALO" DESIGN. (1993) NCM LOW MINT MARK, (1991) NCM IS HIGH MINT MARK.

'SHOWTIME AT THE ALADDIN'

Margo Seymour (Dale's wife) and Derek Cowan from England, engage in some light conversation with a convention visitor.

Club President Archie Black presents Michael Knapp with "The Best Magazine Article" award.

Janice O'Neal accepts award from President Black for her hard work as V.P./Historian.

Dean & Jodi Richmond (Washoe Antiques) brought their vast inventory to sell. Jodi (below) also set up a beautiful display of "Casino Chinaware" that was a big hit with show-goers.

"Aloha from Hawaii!" Who says our members wouldn't travel more than a few hundred miles to a convention?

This beautiful .999 fine silver $7 token could be purchased for face value at the Aladdin cage during show

Club members line up at club table to purchase convention medal sets, chips, decals, membership pins and other memorabilia. Behind the club table, hidden from the camera sits Janice O'Neal for most of the show. No fun for Jan!

Recording Secretary, Earl Donley, tends to visitors at a very busy club table while a potential bidder examines the 3 ring binder containing the 240 auction lots prior to the standing room only auction sale.

Incoming club Treasurer, Chuck Tomarchio, (bending over) likes those decks of cards offered at Stan & Betty Wilker's table #16.

Don & Jean, the popular gaming tokens specialists, show their stock to two interested buyers.

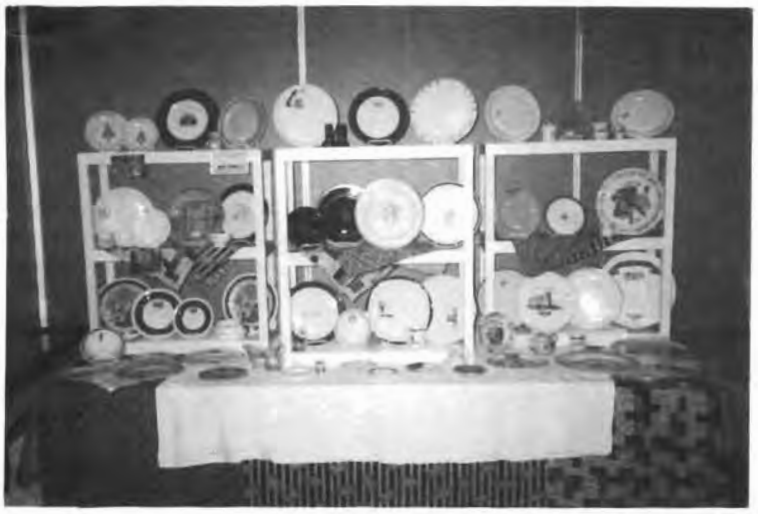
I may be wrong but I believe that the gentleman on the left is Mark Weiser at his well stocked table.

Just a small part of the big crowds that were like children in a candy store. So much to chose from!

PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

"How much is this one?" asks an interested buyer at Dewey Reed and Jim Neiswonger's table #30.

"I'm not interested in chips, dice bottles or tokens, but that is a mighty nice mahogany & glass display case!"



An impressive display of casino chinaware was set up on exhibit by Jodi Sones of Washoe Antiques. It was my favorite exhibit..... but the most votes were tabulated in favor of Henry Garrett's Cuba.

Betsy Rosenblum (right) of New York Chip Connection, answers questions posed by a curious customer.

Mel Jung and his lovely wife, Lisa, behind him at his "House Of Brass" table. Nice exhibit Mel!

Margo Seymour and Guest Speaker, Derek A. Cowan relax behind Dale Seymour Publications table.

Y'ALL COME NEXT YEAR!

Mr. & Mrs. Allan Myers came all the way from Kentucky to show their stock to a potential customer.

Bill Aikman chats with "Jeanie" and "Aladdin" at Dale Seymour's hospitality room.

Californian, Gene Grossblatt and Michael Knapp share a table at busy convention.

Paul Cunningham, Michigan, met many of his customers for the first time at Las Vegas.

Betsy Rosenblum, New York City, takes a break from the busy show with a light refreshments.

Unidentified viewer at one of the fine exhibits on display.

MINNESOTA: PALACE BINGO & CASINO, CASS LAKE NEW $5 BJ DK LAV 3 SPT GRN--BLK GRN PRP WHT C1; LAKE OF THE WOODS, WARROAD $1 1991 CT TOKEN FOUND WITH LARGE DIE CRACK THRU MIDDLE OF "1991"; RIVER ROAD CASINO/RED LAKE NATION, THIEF RIVER FALLS HAS COIN ALIGN & MEDAL ALIGN (1992) CT TOKEN.

THERE IS A NEW CASINO AT RED LAKE, MINN CALLED, (WHAT ELSE?) RED LAKE CASINO, THAT HAS NOT BEEN LISTED BEFORE. THERE ARE $1-$5-$25 CHIPCOS WITH SAME DESIGN AND SAME COLORS AS LAKE OF THE WOODS CASINO AT WARROAD. THESE TWO SETS COULD VERY EASILY BE INTER CHANGED. THEY ARE OWNED BY THE SAME INDIANS.

LITTLE 6 CASINO AT PRIOR LAKE HAS DISCONTINUED THEIR CHIPS AND TOKENS AND ARE NOW USING MYSTIC LAKE CASINO CHIPS AND TOKENS. IT SEEMS SHOOTING STAR CASINO AT MAHNOMEN HAD CHIPS PRIOR TO THE CURRENT H&C SET. A $1 BJ WHT 4 BLU--BLK GOLD HOLOGRAM, WHT C1 HAS BEEN FOUND. THIS CHIP IS OBSOLETE AND APPEARS QUITE "USED". NOT KNOWN AT THIS TIME IF THERE WAS ALSO A $5 BJ CHIP. CAN ANYONE HELP ON THIS??

WISCONSIN: NO NEW INFORMATION! ARE WE MISSING SOMETHING?? PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU HAVE FOUND ANYTHING NEW HERE!

WELL THERE YOU HAVE IT FOR ANOTHER QUARTER. I THANK EVERYONE FOR SENDING THE INFO TO KEEP THE UPDATE GOING. WITHOUT EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU IT COULDN'T BE DONE.
----------UNTIL NEXT TIME--- -------JANICE O'NEAL

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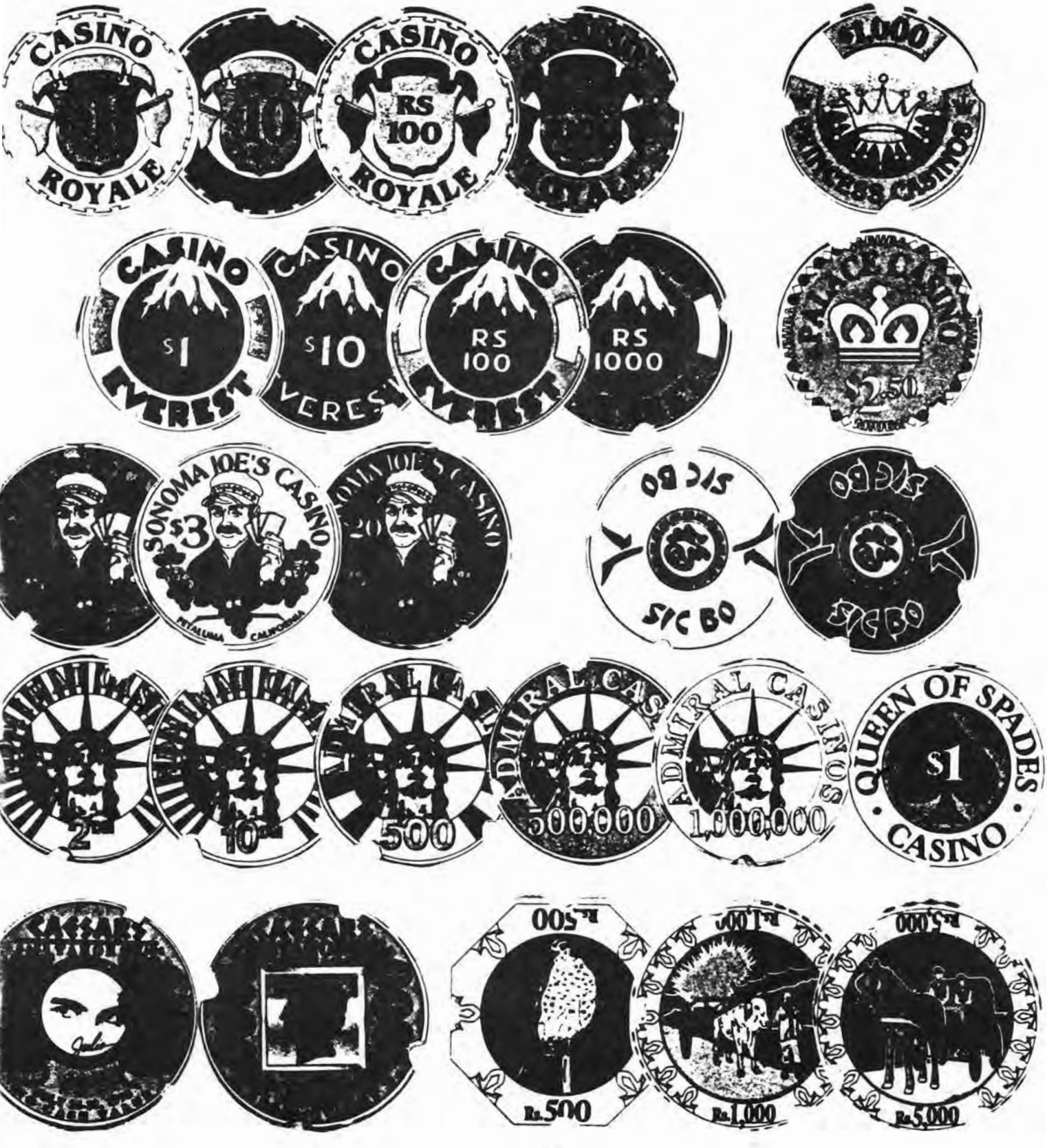
dealer of Puerto Rican chips, secondly. I do not sell a chip today at $300 and say it is the "only one" in existence, and tomorrow sell one to someone else at $25 and to another for $100, and to another for $50, etc. It's the wheeler-dealers out there who want to make a quick-killing that are hurting our hobby and a lot of other hobbies.

Many thanks for taking the time to read this article and may all your chips be good ones!!

Miguel Carlo

NEW ISSUES FROM CHIPCO

The following CHIPCO's are new issues that have not been illustrated, or reported upon, in other related articles that are published in this issue of the club magazine. They also represent CHIPCOs that for the most part, are issues that are not commonly seen... or are issues that may not have been released yet by the casinos. We thank CHIPCO, once again, for sharing information on their latest new issues with the club.



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CRIPPLE CREEK CO
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LODESTAR
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CASINO
BLACK HAWK, COLORADO

GOLD RUSH
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GOLD
DUST

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ONE HUNDRED
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Atlantic City
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CLUB
TURTLES
$500
MARCO POLO

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THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Michael Knapp

The First Annual CC&GTCC Convention is now history, and many of us who were fortunate enough to be able to attend managed to come home with a substantial number of chips we can't identify. Judging from our mail, there are probably many more of you who have a box or several album pages of UFC's (unidentified flying chips) stashed somewhere just waiting for identification.

Please don't feel bashful about sending copies of those chips (or tokens) for identification through this column. We don't know all the answers, but we're willing to bet that there are members out there who might. That's what *The Information Booth* is all about: it's a way for club members to share not only their questions about chips, but their information as well. The column is not just for unidentified chips—we'll try to answer any question you have about gaming history or other subjects related to chip and token collecting. If you see a chip in the column that you can identify, please share your knowledge with other collectors by dropping your columnist a note at 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43235.

As usual, we'll begin with answers we've received to previously published UFC's. But first an addition to the last column's discussion of cruise line onboard casinos. There was a major casino omitted from the list: the Crystal Harmony (Crystal Cruise Line), whose onboard casino is operated by Caesars Palace. The venture is the first outside Nevada and Atlantic City for Caesars, and the chips say "Caesars Palace at Sea." We've received relatively few answers for this issue, but we'll share some of the information we learned at the club convention in Las Vegas.

504: This chip, hotstamped only "**303**" is, in fact, from the Lucky Spot card room in Bakersfield, CA. Member Hank Boss tells us that the Lucky Spot is still open, and the number does relate to the address of the club: 2303 Edison Highway. Why only the last four digits are used on the chip we can't say, but it might have to do with a street renumbering which occurred after the club originally opened.

515: Speculation has it that this cord rim chip with the initials **WH** is from the White House, an illegal casino in Mentor, Ohio. Mentor is on Lake Erie, east of Cleveland toward the Pennsylvania border. We have not been able to confirm the identification, though. Can someone from Ohio's North Coast help?

554: The **Little Nevada Casino** is a card room in Billings, Montana. The chip illustrated is a plastic, injection-moulded chip.

579: Both Ron Dorian and Bill Akeman have identified the **Table Mountain** chip as having come from Table Mountain Rancheria, an Indian reservation card room near Friant, CA. (For those of us who have never heard of Friant, it's 18 miles northeast of Fresno.)

The following chips, all of which have new numbers, were seen at the club convention, and because they are attributed, we thought that the membership might be interested in them. As we have done in the past, we have used a "$" to indicate those chips which have only a denomination on the reverse side.

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591: This chip was found by members Gene Grossblatt and Ernie Wheelden, and its origin has been thoroughly authenticated. It was used on the S.S. Monte Carlo, one of the offshore California gambling ships which operated in the 1930's.

Many collectors are familiar with chips from the S.S. Tango and the S.S. Rex, but relatively few chips from other floating casinos have been authenticated. The first of the offshore California ships to offer gaming was the Monfalcone, anchored off Long Beach, and owned by Tutor Sherer and Rasmus (Razz) Pendleton. It opened in 1928, and burned to the water line only two years later. By that time, the offshore gambling business had attracted the interest of Jack Dragna, the Los Angeles mob boss, and he and Johnny Rosselli (later involved with the CIA-Mafia plot to kill Castro in Cuba) cut themselves in on the action.

The Monfalcone was replaced by the Rose Isle in 1931, operated by Sherer (who would later become a pillar of the Las Vegas gaming community), and partially owned by Dragna and Rosselli.

In the early 1930's Anthony Stralla (better known as Tony Cornero) became involved with gambling ships of his own. It was Cornero who operated the S.S. Tango and the S.S. Rex. Stralla was known as "the Admiral," but he earned that moniker not because of his gambling ships, but earlier. During Prohibition, Cornero was one of the major rum runners, who brought imported liquor in from supply ships in the Pacific on fast speedboats into Los Angeles. His fleet of booze-carrying speedboats resulted in his nickname.

The Johanna Smith was next to open, off Long Beach, CA, and was owned and operated by Guy McAfee and Milton B. "Farmer" Page. McAfee, a colorful Los Angeles figure, had been a police officer, and had been in charge of the vice squad. Alleged to have been one of the most corrupt cops in Los Angeles, McAfee virtually controlled illegal gambling in Los Angeles, and made sure that his friends in the business were tipped off before any planned raid by the police department. When McAfee retired from the force, he became openly involved in illegal gambling. He would later move to Las Vegas, as would Page, and it was McAfee who originally built the Golden Nugget downtown.

The fate of the Johanna Smith is the subject of some debate. One story has it that it was freed to shut down after a murder occurred onboard in September, 1933. Another story says that the ship burned down in 1932.

In either case, the S.S. Monte Carlo was towed out (virtually none of the gambling ships had engines, because they never went anywhere!) and anchored near the Johanna Smith by operators Ed Turner and Marvin "Doc" Shouweiler, opening for business in May, 1932. Tony Cornero and his group owned the ship, but he was busy operating the S.S. Tango at the time.

Two years later, the Monte Carlo was raided by the LAPD, and all the ship's gambling equipment was confiscated. To reopen, the Monte Carlo was re-outfitted with the gaming tables and slot machines from the Johanna Smith, and business continued.

In 1936, the Monte Carlo was sold to Clarence Blazier (who had been involved with Cornero, Ben Siegel, Jack Dragna and Johnny Rosselli as owners of the S.S. Tango), who moved the ship to the San Diego area. It operated there for the remainder of the year, and closed for the winter. A violent storm in December, 1936, grounded the ship on the beach near the Hotel del Coronado. It was never rescued, and remained visible for ten years, until finally covered by sand.

The chip shown above is the first to have been positively attributed to the S.S. Monte Carlo.

Chips from the Johanna Smith, the Monfalcone, the Rose Isle, the S.S. Texas, the Showboat, the S.S. Lux, and other offshore gambling ships, have never been authenticated.

Offshore gambling in California finally ended in 1939, when the Attorney General (Earl Warren, later Governor of California and Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court) conducted a concerted legal battle to shut them down.

[Information for this discussion has several sources, among them *All American Mafioso: The Johnny Rosselli Story*, by Charles Rappleye and Ed Becker; Ernest Marquez, who will soon publish a book on the history of the gambling ships; *Life* magazine; *Loose Change* magazine; and "Three-Mile Limit," by Stephen P. Alpert, published in *TAMS Journal*.]

592-594: Member Bill Akeman tells us that these chips are from the Rock Garden, an illegal casino in Cicero, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

595: The Crystal Club was an illegal casino in Galveston, Texas.

596: According to member L. D. Kelley, this chip is from El Presidente Casino in San Jose, Costa Rica. He isn't sure what the initials CI stand for, but it is undoubtedly the corporation that owns or operates the casino.

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597: There are at least two possibilites for this chip. It might be from Duck's Card Room in Tracy, CA, or from the Duck Club Bar in Princeton, CA. Can anyone from the Left Coast confirm an idenfication?

598: This chip is supposedly from the Lucky Lady Casino (*not* lady Luck) in downtown Las Vegas. We have no details about this club, though, and cannot confirm the identification. Can someone help?

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599: This chip might be from the Northern Lounge in Ely. Then again . . . .

600: B & G is believed to be from the B & G Club in Washington State. Further details would be appreciated!

601 and **602:** These chips, like UFC **232**, which has different initials but the same hotstamp design, are believed to be private issue poker chips with the initials of the owner on them. Does anyone have any other information about them?

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603: There is a Phoenix Casino card room in Sacramento, CA, but there have been othegr Phoenix clubs as well. Can someone help with an identification of this one?

604: We assume that this is an advertising piece for Toppers Restaurant in Chicago, rather than a gaming chip. Does anyone have other information?

605: This one appears to be a generic faro chip. If someone knows that it was used in a particular casino, please share that information with us.

606: We cannot be certain about this chip, but East Peoria, IL was the home of a number of illegal casinos

operated out of Chicago during the 1930's and 1940's. The rim design fits with the era, but we know nothing about a Lyceum Stag Club in E. Peoria. Can one of you help?

607: This chip, enlarged to show detail, is a real puzzler. It's a hat and cane rim, and appears to be of fairly recent vintage. But does the chip say "Border Town" or "Bordertown"? It appears to be two words at the top, but what about the bottom? That seems to read "Bordertown, Nev". Trouble is, there is no such place as Bordertown, Nevada! Can someone tell us where this chip is in use, and where the casino is located?

The following illustrations are new UFC's sent to us by several members, and any information you have about them will be appreciated.

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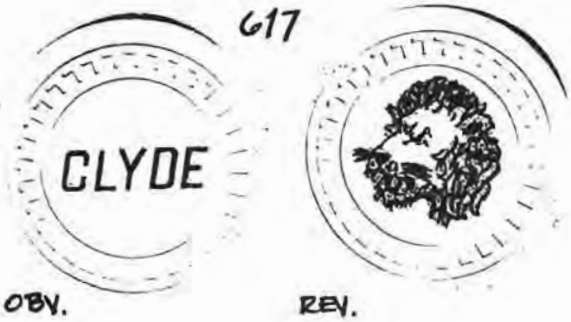

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CROSS COUNTRY CHIP CHASING

AS GAMING SPREADS ACROSS THE U.S., SO DOES CHIP/TOKEN COLLECTING
By Mike Epifanio..... 'Casino Player Magazine'

On of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States during the past year has been gaming-token collecting. Americans have always been preoccupied with collecting things—whether it's stamps, coins, baseball cards or stuffed animals. So when you consider the virtual explosion of casinos, riverboats and gaming establishments taking place in the '90s, it's no surprise that people are going crazy over gaming token collections.

Expansion in gaming results in the production of thousands of new chips and tokens to accomodate the influx of gamblers seeking to explore wagering in new venues across the country. The expansion is not only beneficial to large casino companies and suppliers to the industry, but to chip and token collectors as well. As collectors of gaming chips and tokens grow in numbers, so does the membership of the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club (CC&GTCC).

Archie Black, the club's president and original organizer, says that in the beginning, he had no idea how much interest there would be in a club of this nature. "We just wanted to start some communication among ourselves, and hoped that others might become interested," said Black. It would only be a matter of time before Black and his fellow collectors found out exactly how much interest there was.

The Club, which started in 1987 with around 20 members, now has a total membership of over 1000 people from almost every state and from foreign jurisdictions including England, Portugal, Germany and Canada.

Beginning of The End

While few members collect the chips and/or tokens as investments, most do so for the enjoyment of organizing and showing off the items they accumulate. Most club members started their collections by keeping tokens or chips from casinos they had visited.

"For me, what turned my souvenirs into the beginning of a hobby was the Frontier," said Michael Knapp, the club's secretary. "I had brought a chip home from the Frontier the first time I visited Las Vegas for a professional seminar. I then read that the hotel had started as the Last Frontier, and later became the New Frontier. I thought it would be neat to have a chip from each of the earlier casinos along with the current one. That was the beginning of the end for me."

Many collectors start the same way Knapp started and then expand their collections to include certain types of chips or tokens they find especially interesting. For Black, his collection consisted, in the beginning at least, of only New Jersey tokens. He gathered tokens from towns celebrating anniversaries or other commemorative tokens relating to New Jersey. It was natural to include Atlantic City casino chips into this group. Now Black claims to be in possession of the only complete set of all the chips (up to $100 value) that were ever issued in Atlantic City's casinos—all but one. The $100 Brighton chip.

With so many chips and tokens available, it is becoming more and more necessary for collectors to limit their collections in some way. Some members, like Black, collect only chips from a particular state. This is the case with many of the California CC&GTCC members who collectively comprise roughly 50 precent of the club's membership. The same goes for the plethora of gaming jurisdictions which just legalized gaming during the past couple of years. For example, since Colorado legalized casino gaming in 1991, the club has been signing up a lot of new Colorado members who are interested primarily in Colorado chips, says Black.

Not only do collectors categorize their chips and tokens by location, but by denomination. A lot of collectors only collect dollar chips or five dollar chips while higher denominations are generally not in high demand. There just aren't enough collectors who are willing to fork out the money for the higher-value chips and therefore, most chips with values above $5 are worth less than their face value. On the other hand, many $1 chips sell for $3 and up.

So what makes a chip more or less valuable? "Chips are like any other collectible, rarity and demand fix the price. Old chips not available in great numbers have increased in value," said Knapp.

Hot Chips

When the Silverbird Casino in Las Vegas closed, a chip dealer was able to purchase a huge block of the obsolete chips. The dealer then sold the chips to collectors who thought the chips would be collectors' items and as it turned out, everyone and their brother had a Silverbird chip. Anyone could buy boxes of 100 obsolete chips for $10 whenever a casino went bankrupt or changed names in Nevada. Therefore, the chips weren't worth much. You can't do that anymore there and you never could in Atlantic City.

New Jersey has a law that requires the destruction of chips once they become obsolete. So, when a casino closes or replaces an old chip with a new design, all of the leftover chips are destroyed. For

this reason, New Jersey chips become collectible immediately after they are taken off the tables.

Anyone who has a chip from one of the casinos that have come and gone in Atlantic City most likely has a chip that is in demand. Also in demand are old chips or tokens from casinos which have changed to a new design such as Resort's chips. There have been three different issues of $1 chips at Resorts. According to Knapp, the second issue is more rare than the first, although both are expensive by chip standards. Word has it that Resorts may even switch a fourth time—to chips that say "Merv Griffin's Resorts" on them.

Trump's Castle was originally supposed to be a Hilton, and so, when they opened, they were using Hilton chips for the first couple of months. Now the chips are going for fifty times their value. TropWorld is still using the old Tropicana chips—they should be switching sometime soon and collectors are waiting with baited breath.

One of the hottest finds for collectors is a chip from a Cuban casino. "Myer Lansky controlled Cuban gaming after Battista gave him the concession for it. Then, when Fidel Castro rose to power in the '50s, he did away with the casinos. The trade embargo on Cuba prevented chips from getting out. A few have surfaced recently, however, and when they do surface they're often pretty valuable—most are one-of-a-kind," said Knapp.

In With The New

So far, all the collectible chips mentioned have been obsolete chips. But there are some chips that are collectible while they are still in play. Imagine going to the casino, walking up to a blackjack table, purchasing some chips and coming out ahead before you've even made a wager. Impossible you say? Not according to Black. Chipco International Ltd., produced a new headliner series for Caesar's which features the likenesses of several stars making appearances at the casino—those $5 chips are now trading for $7 or $8. And they're still on the tables! How could it be?

"There are people on the west coast who want the chips and they'd rather spend the extra couple bucks to get them through a dealer than to take a trip to Atlantic City," said Black. "On the west coast, Bally's just came out with a Chipco chip with Billy Ray Cyrus on it. East coast collectors are paying $8 for that chip, too," he added.

It seems Chipco chips are the hottest thing in collecting since the Elvis stamp. And just as the choice between a fat or young Elvis made a stink, so are Chipco's chips. There are some CC&GTCC members who don't like the new chips. One member likened the chips to "simple minded graffitti on a wall" while praising the old clay chips for their elegance and charm. Black advised the member

that "if there is a sizeable number of folks out there who get a lot of enjoyment and pleasure form 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!"

There are also a handful of dealers at some casinos who don't like the feel of the new chips, but remember, you can't teach an old dog new tricks. If you think that change is easy to come by, take a sobering look at our government. The important thing is that there are probably ten times as many people out there who do like Chipco chips, the wave of the future in token production.

The Collectors Are Coming

In years past, casino dealers would give funny looks to people who bought chips and then asked "Do you have a cleaner one of these?" But, now, collectors' requests are taken quite seriously and casinos are becoming increasingly aware and responsive to the desires of collectors. And that makes perfect sense since the casinos make a handsome profit when someone "walks" with a chip. Considering what a casino pays for a chip to be made (under $1), customers who take $5 chips out of the house leave the casino with over $4 profit. New Jersey casinos are trying to change the rule that prohibits them from dispensing chips at cashiers' booths and now it's easy to see why.

Some casino's, like Chipco, are now interested in capitalizing on the popularity of the hobby by pumping out special issue chips or limited edition chip sets. But, Black warns that the casinos should proceed with caution. "Caesars had six different $5 chips (the David Copperfield, Buddy Hackett, Ray Charles, Tony Bennett and Ann Margret chips from the celebrity series plus the regular $5 Chipco) in play when I visited in late December. That could be an instant collection or it could be too much for a collector who doesn't have $30 to spend," counselled Black. Perhaps Atlantic City has already reached its threshold of chip production—beyond which further production will only devalue new chips. Then again maybe there's still a long way to go before chip values reach a plateau.

Regardless of the number of chips yet to be issued, there are still enough for current collectors to clamour over. So many, in fact, that CC&GTCC will be holding its first casino collectibles show from April 29 through May1, 1993 at the Alladin Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip. The show will be the largest single show devoted explicitly to gaming collectibles. CC&GTCC is affiliated with the American Numismatic Association and usually holds its annual

meeting in conjunction with the convention of the larger coin collectors' group. The convention organizers are hoping that this first independent effort will be a success. For more information about the convention or about club membership, write Michael Knapp, Secretary, 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43235.

Extracurricular Activities

Knapp's interest in chip collecting led him to investigate the origins of his chips and also to find out about the history of the gaming houses themselves. Eventually, he had gathered so much information that he decided to collaborate on a book to serve as an aide to collectors wishing to research their chips and tokens. His book, *The Gaming Table*, provides a cross-indexed listing of names, addresses and locations of over 6,000 casinos, legal and illegal, from over 100 countries—many with opening and closing dates.

Knapp is not the only member of the CC&GTCC who's interest in collecting led to writing about the subject. Black, too has taken to the printed word in order to facilitate communication among the numerous members. "It became cumbersome to write letters to our membership as the club got larger—so our newsletter evolved and eventually went national," said Black. He now serves as the editor of Casino Chip and Token News, the club newsletter, which keeps getting bigger. It seems fitting that the winter '93 issue of the newsletter was the largest yet, after the club signed 80 new members between the 4th quarter of 1992 and the 1st quarter of 1993.

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$20's ARE DISAPPEARING FROM A.C.

Bally's Park Place, Harrah's Marina, and the Sands $20 chips have been all withdrawn from play on the bacarrat tables and are now considered to be obsolete. Several other casinos that formerly had the once familiar yellow $20's have discontinued their use in favor of the higher $25 table minimums on the big boxes. Mini- bacarrat enjoys the lower table minimums, but lacks the excitement the big boxes have. The only $20 chips presently in play in A.C. is the $20 Pai-Gow at Trump Plaza and the $20 Caesars... both of which are CHIPCOs.

On Monday, April 6th, Donald Trump pulled all his $25, $100 (& $500) chips from the gaming tables and replaced them with Paulson house chips from Trump Plaza's back-up set. He also pulled his $5 regular issue at the same time and replaced it with an attractive CHIPCO issue. More TP CHIPCO's on the way???

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C TPP 25a

A "new" same design $1 Trump Plaza chip with slightly darker gold leaf in the logo was also put into play at the same time.

A COUPLE OF NEW ISSUES FROM A.C.

On May 21, Merv Griffin's Resorts celebrated their 15th anniversary with a beautiful new $5 CHIPCO. I hear that 60,000 of these commemorative CHIPCO's were made. The regular issue $5's have not been pulled from the tables; yet, and both varieties are available.

C RES-5d

Also on May 21st, a new $5 Bally's Park Place token made a surprise appearance.... long after the "1992" date had passed. In my opinion, this NCM token has to be one of the ugliest I've seen. A sure candidate for the "Worst Token Of The Year" Award! I would imagine that the green epoxy-like center is intended to keep slot players fingers from getting dirty. Perhaps a clear poly-coat would have been more attractive. This green one should have been issued for St. Patty's Day.

T BPP-5b

CHIP CHALLENGE

Caesars' $5 Celebrity Series chips have become a hot item among chip collectors, with requests to buy the chips at gaming tables slowing down table games.

But the CCC turned down Caesars' request to sell the chips at the casino cage because it didn't want to change the system of all purchases being made at the gaming tables or slot machines and all redemptions made at the casino cage.

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MORE ATLANTIC CITY NEW ISSUES

On Tuesday, May 21st, just prior to what is the biggest weekend of the entire year in Atlantic City, Memorial Day Weekend, Caesars put two new $5 CHIPCOs on the tables (with their other dozen or so nickel CHIPCOs) heralding two Caesars' sponsored events. On June 5th, the "A.C. Grand Prix" will be held just off the coast, within view of hundreds of thousands of viewers along the Jersey Shore beaches. This power boat race is run by the A.C.O R.A. (Atlantic City Offshore Racing Association). This chip has the date of the race on it.

Another race, in which Caesars is sponsoring, and for which a $5 dated CHIPCO has been issued, is the June 27th Caesars International Handicap to be run at the 15,000 seat Atlantic City Race Track. With Caesars' sponsorship, the handicap now offers a $500,000 purse.

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C CAE-5m

Rumor has it that all of the Bud Jones metal center coin inlay chips will be gone from the Atlantic City tables by this time next year and will be replaced with CHIPCOs. The way A.C. obsoletes values are escalating, it wouldn't be a bad idea to put a few of the coin inlays away for a rainy day.

Club member Eric Rosenblum has reported that he has discovered a distinctly new, previously unkown $2.50 Claridge Hi-Ho chip. The new variety (C CLA-2.5b) has brown letters and a brown scallop design around the metal center instead of the usual blue.

'TRAVELLIN' WITH THE SANDERSONS'

By Arthur Sanderson R-171

Remember I mentioned seeing the billboard in Mississippi, stating that the "Lady Luck Casino" was open in Natchez, and I knew we would be going..... but didn't know when??

Well, I got the idea that time was drawing near when Muriel started asking questions like, "do those riverboats ever sink?" "Suppose a piece of floating debris knocks a hole in the bottom, would all of the tokens roll out and sink?" "What's the chance of the river drying up, would they close down the casino?"

We left the next morning..... and 430 miles later we spent the night in Jackson, MS.

Between Jackson and Natchez (or vice-versa) there is about 80 miles of a road called, "Natchez Trace Parkway". It's a beautiful two lane through a park-like surrounding without much sign of civilization. About halfway through, we met the second car, but this one is blinking its lights..... blue!

Not caring if I have a good day.... the Highway "Patrolette" tells me there's a 50 MPH speed limit and something about animal life will soon be going to breakfast, as she hands me a ticket.

No trouble finding the Lady Luck. It's "UNDER THE HILL", for those familiar with Natchez. We were able to park at the end of the gangplank and go aboard, with no charge. To avoid the parking problem, that people coming later in the day will have, they are working on a large parking lot.... "ON THE HILL".

The boat is well appointed with a friendly crew. There are many freebies, like a carafe of wine with dinner, caps, key rings and drawings for prizes every couple of hours. While I was adding to my token collection, Muriel hit one of their slots (three red 7's) for enough to pay my $50 speeding tickets for a long time to come.

By 8:30 am we're on our way to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Haven't been there since just before our Las Vegas convention.

In Gulfport, we expected to find the "COPA CASINO" in action. It was not, and talking with management, it won't be for some time. He said some words about the Gaming Commision that I didn't hear. Muriel saw the words coming and put her hands over my ears.

The "Grand Casino" is going to open the next night, so we stayed a day longer than planned.

"NOTED OBSERVER" MURIEL SANDERSON NOTES THAT SHE'S GOT 3 SEVENS ON THOSE REELS AT A LUCKY JACKPOT IN MISSISSIPPI.

Not having one of the 7,000 invites to the VIP PARTY (it probably isn't in the mail either) starting at 6 PM, thought of going at 10.... when it would be open to the public. Thought again and decided to wait and go in the morning.

This is one grand casino, grander, or the grandest. No distracting carnival gimmicks..... just an ideal place to gamble. It's 600 feet long, 111 feet wide, and 3 stories high..... with 90,000 square feet of gaming area floating in the Gulf.

The elegance of the decor and the abundance of space is like we've never seen in visiting more than 250 casinos in our travels. We skipped, hand in hand, between rows of slot machines. Rode escalators up and down at both East and West ends. Even watched poker players not being disturbed by on-lookers.

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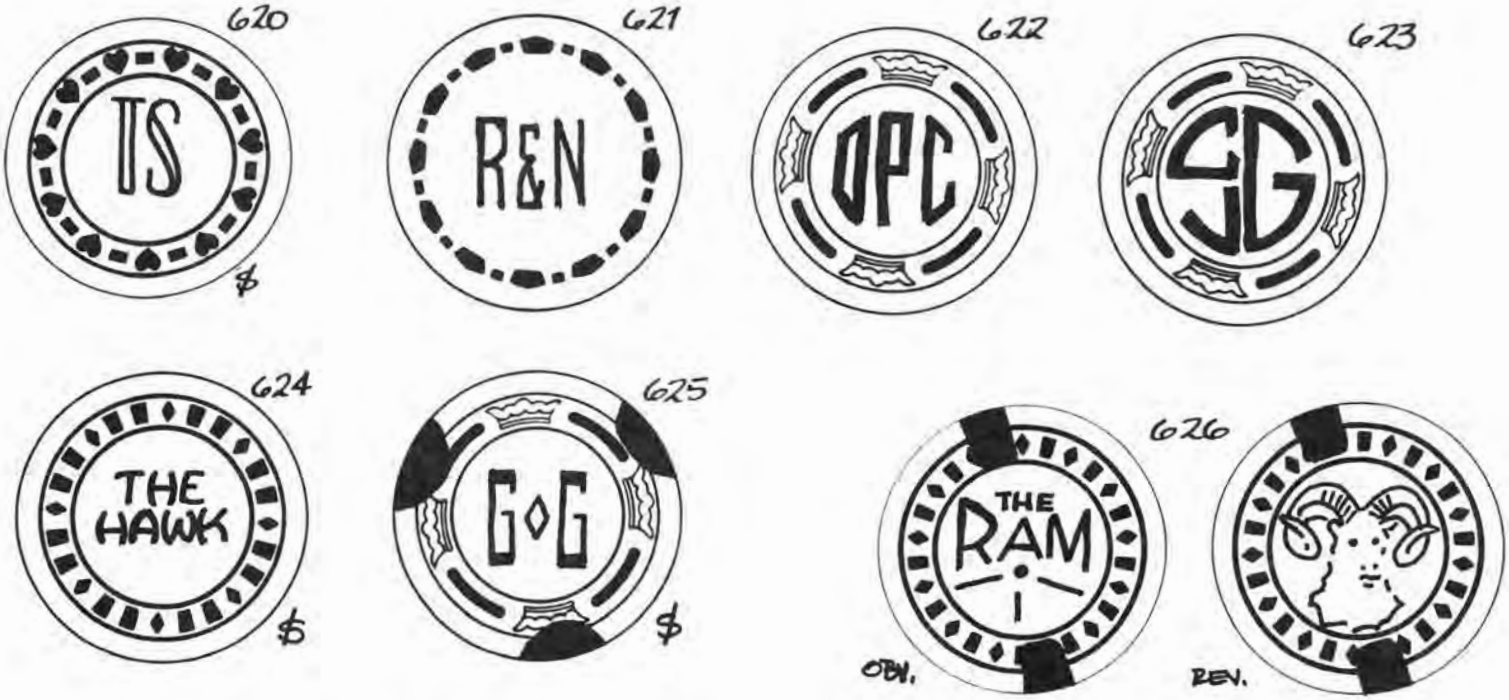

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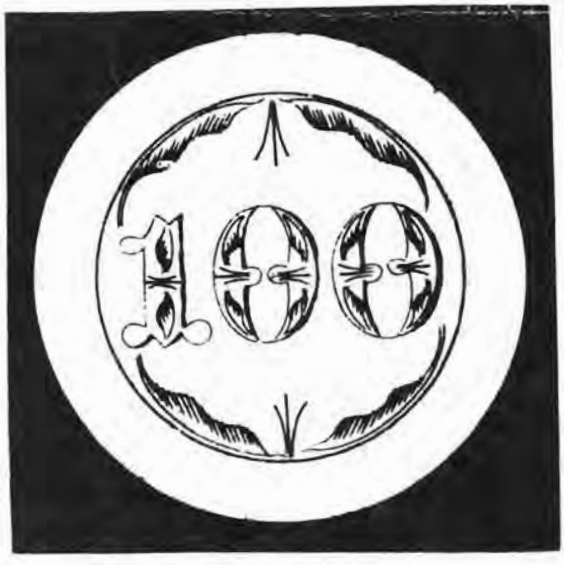

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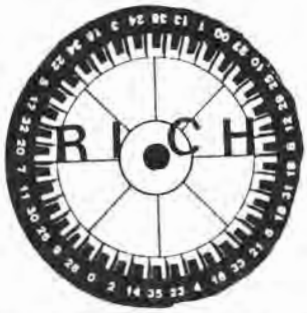

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COMMENTS SECTION: I wish to thank all of the officers of the C.C.&G.T.C.C. especially Archie Black, Janice O'Neal and Bruce Landau for all of their help and courtesy shown to me at the First Annual Convention of the C.C.&G.T.C.C. held in Las Vegas April 29-May 1, 1993.

The Convention was my first experience as a "DEALER" (but I'll always be a collector). The other regulars on the chip and token scene embraced me with open arms and they were truly a pleasure to work with at the Convention. I'd like to give special thanks to Steve of T.D.S., Paul Cunningham, Dean of Washoe Antiques, Howard of the Coin Company, Dale Seymour, and Richard Bitterman.

The Convention was a wonderful experience and I really enjoyed meeting, trading and swapping chips and stories with all of the fine folks who stopped by table #45, my home in Las Vegas for the three action packed days of the Convention.

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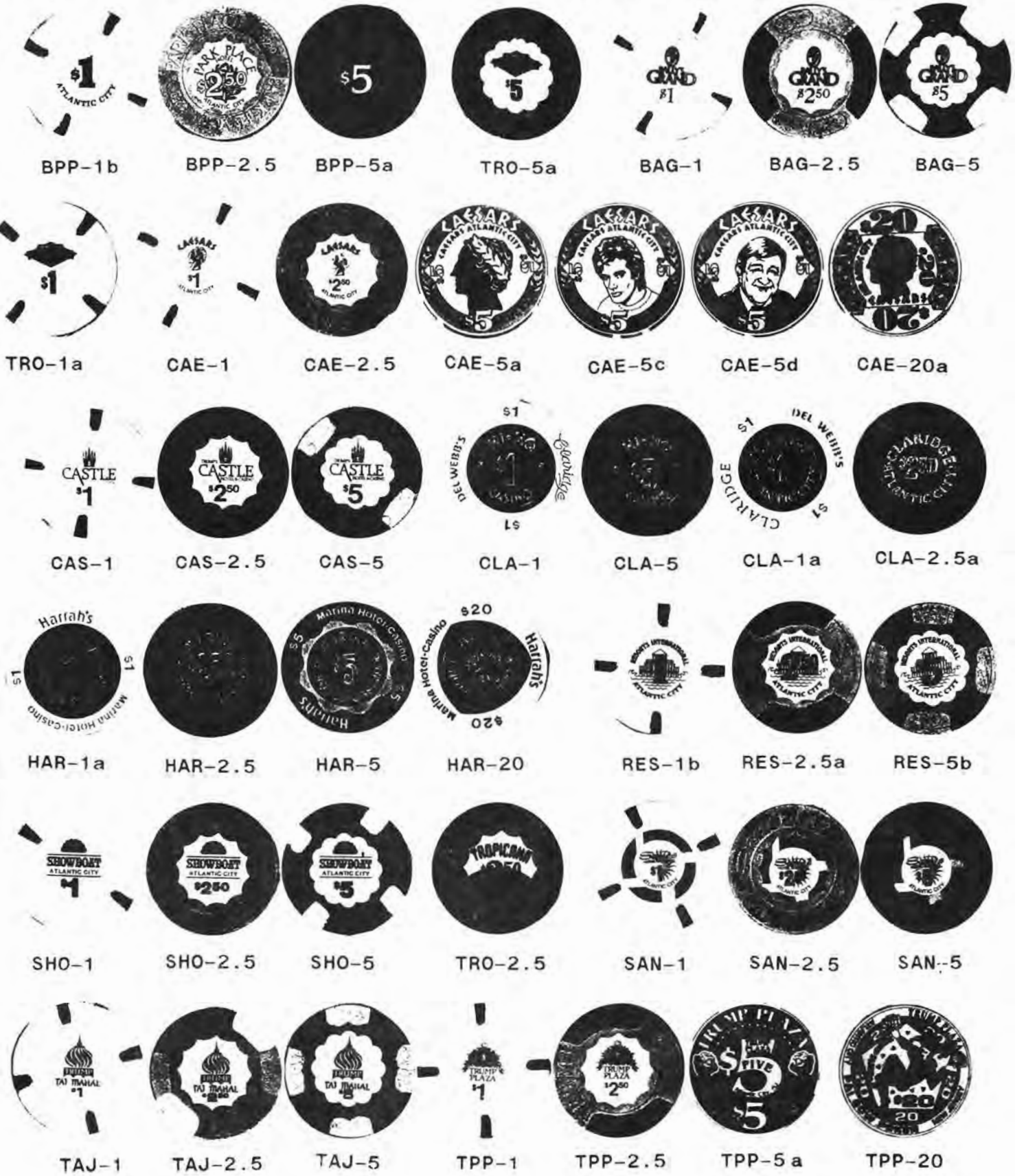

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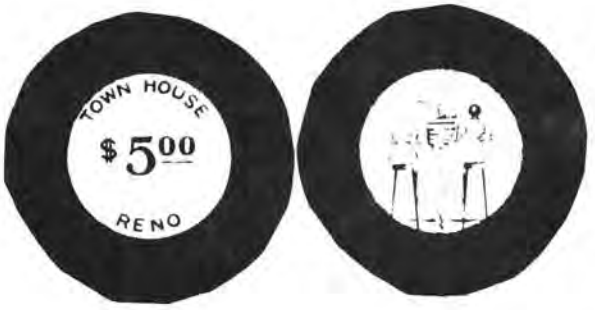

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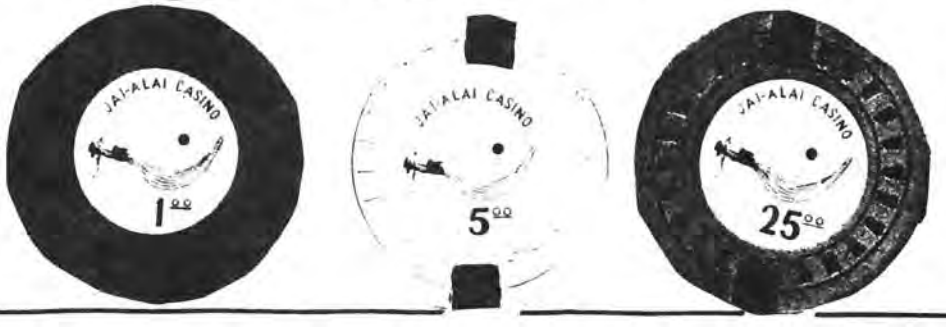

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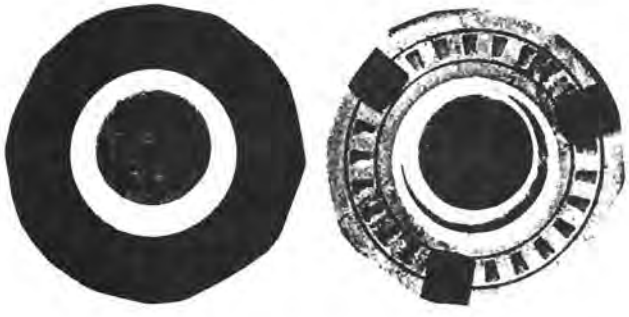

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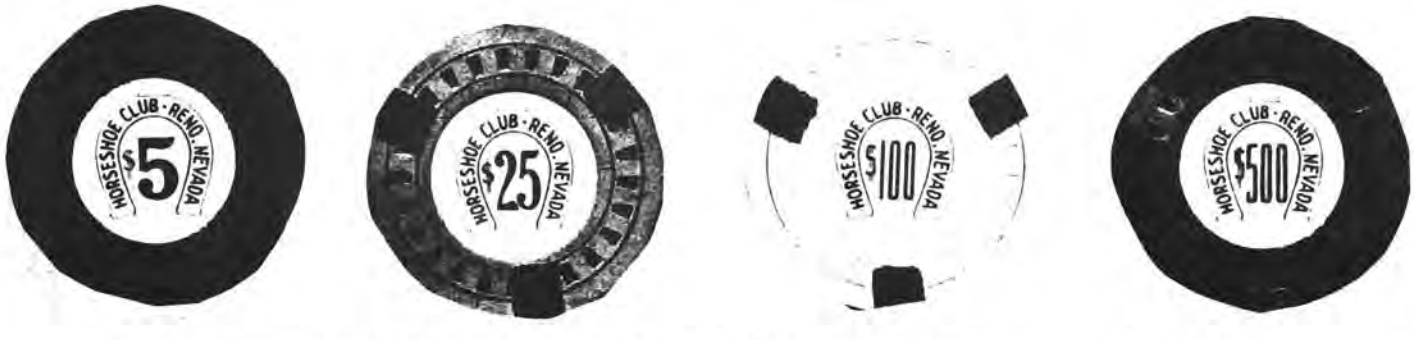

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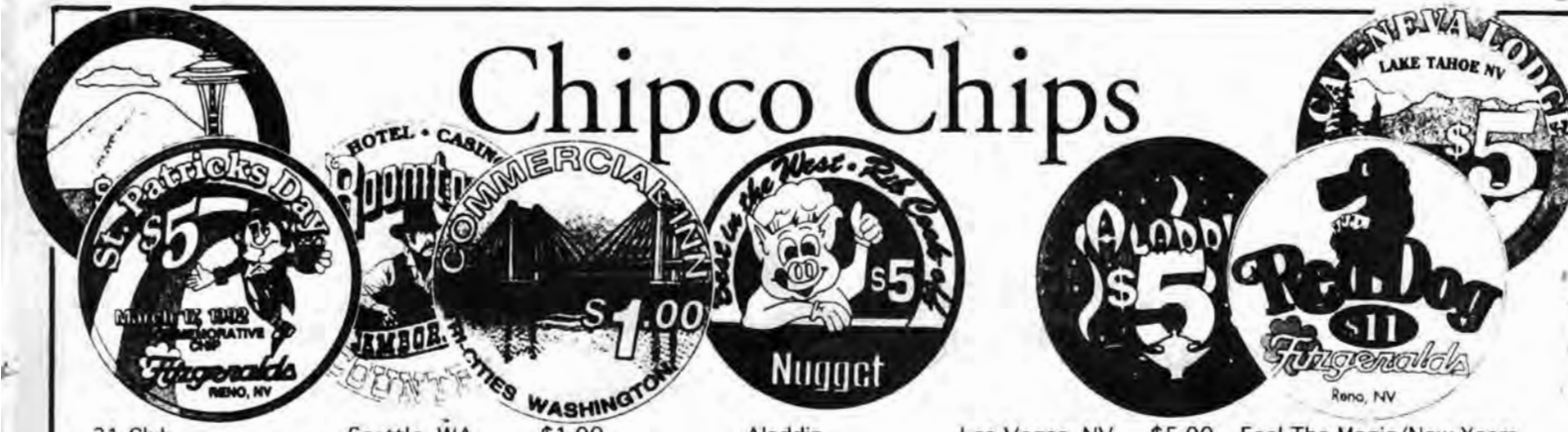

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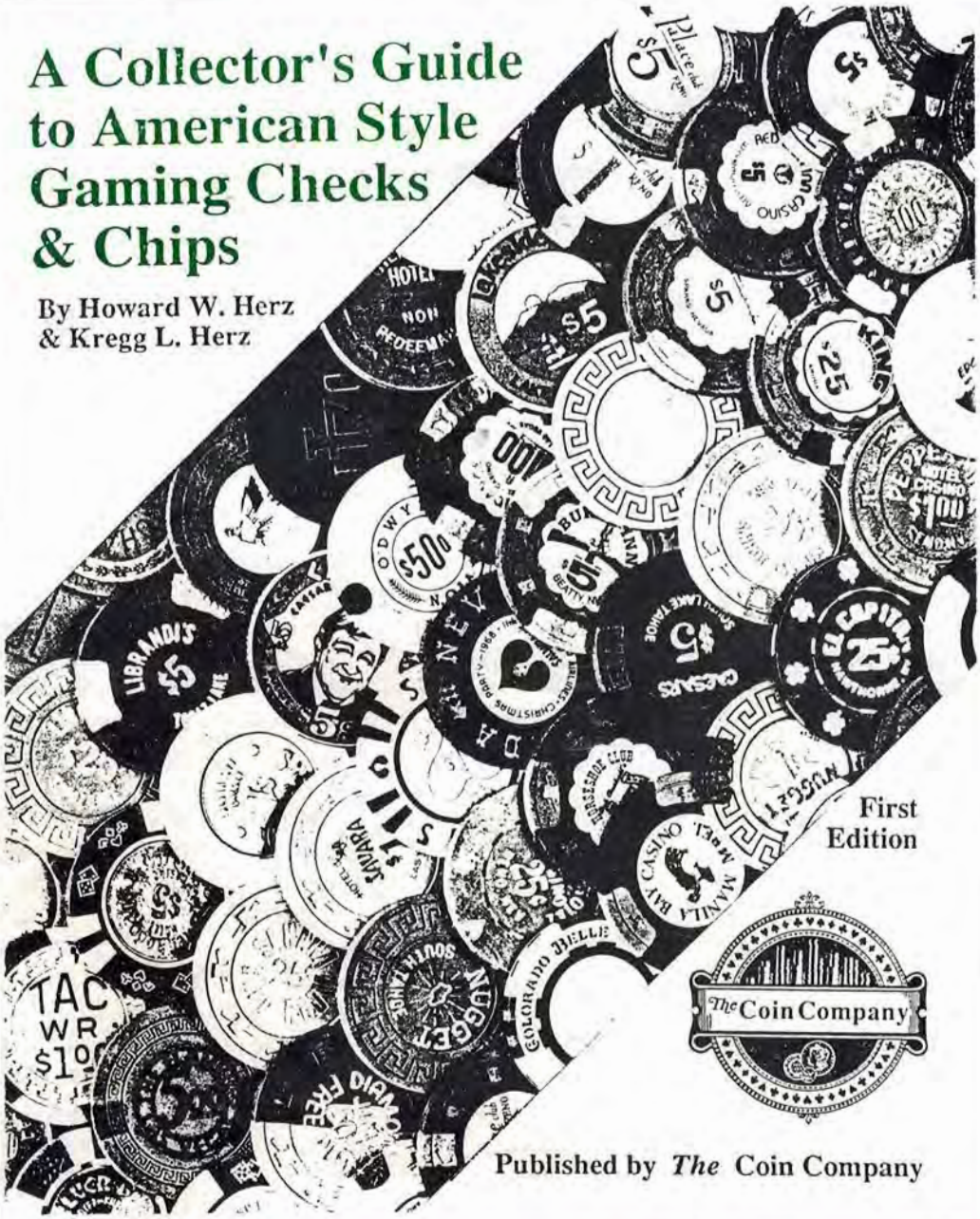

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