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CC&GTCC TO MEET IN NEW JERSEY

Another "unofficial" club meeting will take place at the Landmark Inn on Routes #38 & #73 in Maple Shade, New Jersey on Saturday, February 26, 1994 during the annual G.E.N.A. Convention (Great Eastern Numismatic Association). I don't know of any chip dealers who will have tables at this show, but if any Northeasterners would like to get together and talk chips/tokens, GENA is providing us with a free meeting room at 1:00 p.m.

Bring Traders!!

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More and more advertisers and contributors of artices to "CASINO CHIP & TOKEN NEWS" have been sending in ad copy and articles virtually on the eve of our deadline for publication. This puts an unfair burden on our Advertising Manager, Charlie Rodgers, and on the magazine Editor, Archie Black. I'm appealling to everyone to get your articles and ad copy in as early as possible.... before the deadline..... especially if there are photos involved. Too often, the Editor is forced to omit photos because they were not received in ample time to have stats made, which allows us the capability of reproducing by photocopy. Your future cooperation in this regard is much appreciated.

OBITUARY
JAMES NEISWONGER R-0156

Club member Jim Neiswonger passed away on November 11, 1993 following open heart surgery on November 1st. Jim was strictly a gaming token collector and he used to contribute articles on collecting tokens to our quarterly magazine. He was a friend to a lot of CC&GTCC members and will be missed.

Jim's wife, Karen, has the chore of settling her husband's estate and she is interested in disposing of Jim's collection of tokens in bulk. If any club members are interested in making a serious offer for the gaming token collection, please send a large SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) for an inventory listing to;

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Wow! "Volume 7, Issue #1." Where did the past six years go by? It's hard to believe that this issue represents the beginning of our seventh year that I've been privileged to publish the club's newsletter which has grown to such tremendous proportions, ...both in size and in distribution. The credit really goes to all of you who have contributed along the way; either by sending in information or by taking paid advertisements.

100 PAGES THIS ISSUE!!

Of particular value have been those who have been preparing feature columns on a regular basis such as Janice O'Neal's "Nevada Update" and Michael Knapp's "Information Booth". Also appreciated are Sandy Sanderson's "Travellin" columns and David Harvey's "Token Appreciation" articles and more recently, Bob Gaarders' Colorado glimpses and Clydes Massaro's reports on our "Colorado CCGTCC Chapter" activites. I must also commend Charlie Rogers for his valuable service to the club magazine as our unpaid Advertising Manager and to Joe Gallagher who provides us with "stats" of your photos (when submitted early enough).

Do you like the new masthead on the front cover of this issue? You may thank Kevin Norris for that and for his other ongoing graphic art contributions toward improvements of the club's image. Kevin has also recently redesigned the new club membership applications. Thanks also to Secretary Earl Donley for his computer expertise in maintaining the club's membership base and for providing me with mailing labels that are pre-sorted by Zip Codes necessary for sending out our bulk mailings. None of this would have been possible without all of this acknowleged help.... and YOU, THE MEMBERS, support. I know I've probably omitted a few other names that deserve a mention. My appologies are in order if I've neglected to mention yours.

Eric Rosenblum has finally convinced the I.R.S. that we are a non-profit corporation and we now have succesfully gained our official federal tax-exempt status as an Educational organization. Great News!! Thank you Eric! Treasurer Chuck Tomarchio's books are meticulously kept. I invite any member who attends any of our official (and un-official) meetings to examine Chuck's accounting procedures of the club's funds and to ask any questions relative to our income and expenditures. I guarantee that you will be impressed with Chuck's thoroughness and simplicity in his bookkeeping.

By the time you receive this issue, our regional "unofficial" club meeting at the F.U.N. convention in Orlando will have taken place. Another "unofficial" gathering is planned in February at the G.E.N.A. Convention in Maple Shade, NJ. We hope to schedule an "unofficial" club meeting at next year's Long Beach, California show. Stay tuned. This issue of the club magazine will probably be the last issue most of you will receive before our 2nd Annual Convention in Las Vegas this April, especially if you are receiving your copy via 3rd class bulk mail. I hope to see many of you in attendance at the Aladdin. The big event is shaping up to be another super show. Practically every table has been booked, well in advance, and interest has been steadily building.

As we look forward to the future, CC&GTCC has much to be proud of. Our accomplishments have been many and the club continues to grow and prosper. Our finances are strong and our enthusiasm is high. Keep up the continued superb support.

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BLACK'S A.C. CATALOG REVISED

Recently expanded from 64 to 76 pages, which has been updated to include all of the latest CHIPCO issues. **"BLACK'S CATALOG OF ATLANTIC CITY CASINO CHIPS AND TOKENS"** now features a supplemental insert of an up to date, long awaited, A.C. Retail Price Guide.

The soft covered, profusely illustrated catalog is generally recognized as the "standard" reference publication for Atlantic City chips and tokens from the $1 to $100 denominations. It is priced at $7.50 postpaid to CC&GTCC members.

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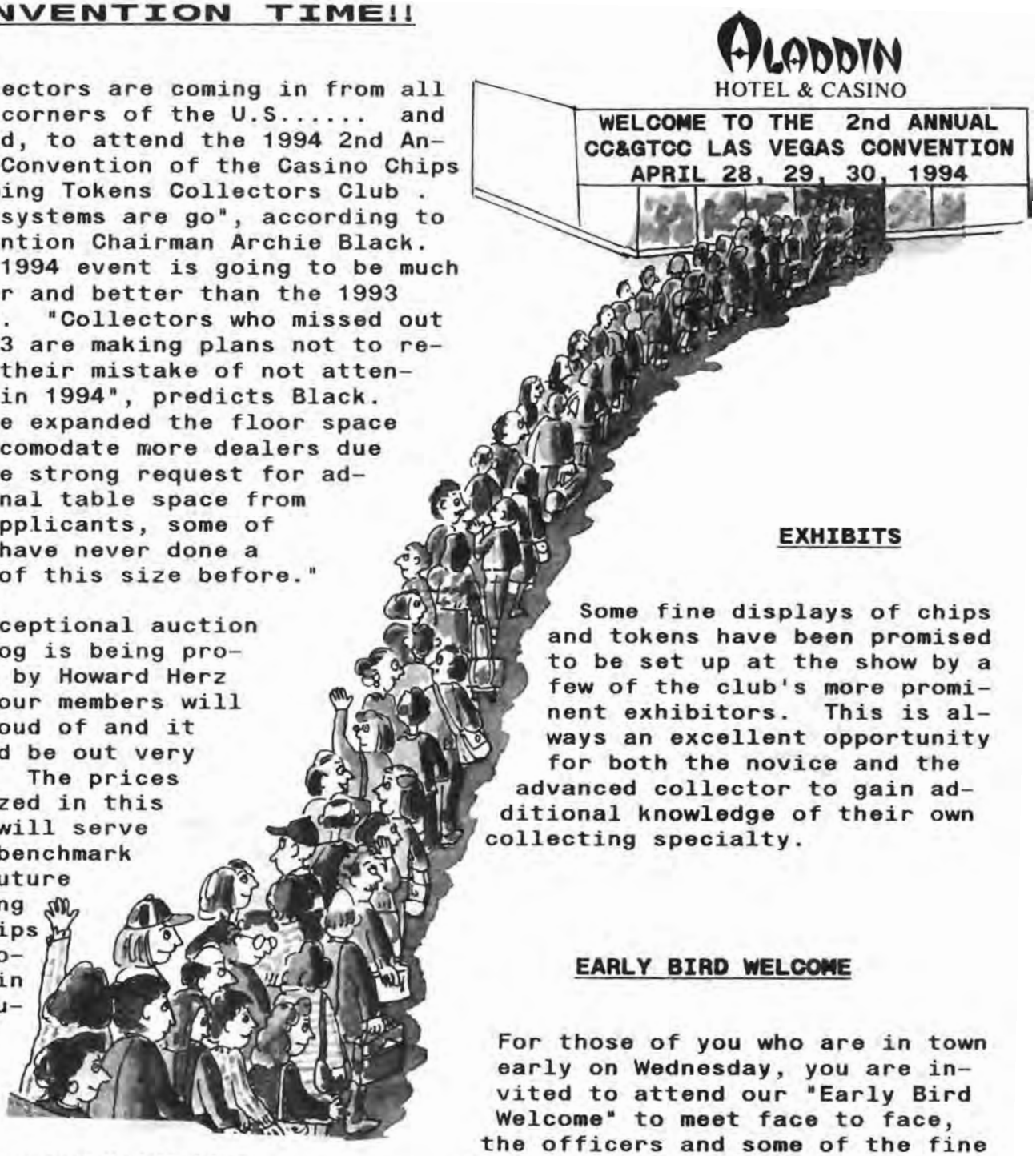
CONVENTION TIME!!

Collectors are coming in from all four corners of the U.S..... and beyond, to attend the 1994 2nd Annual Convention of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club . "All systems are go", according to Convention Chairman Archie Black. "Our 1994 event is going to be much larger and better than the 1993 show". "Collectors who missed out in '93 are making plans not to repeat their mistake of not attending in 1994", predicts Black. "We've expanded the floor space to accomodate more dealers due to the strong request for additional table space from new applicants, some of whom have never done a show of this size before."

An exceptional auction catalog is being produced by Howard Herz that our members will be proud of and it should be out very soon. The prices realized in this sale will serve as a benchmark for future pricing of chips and tokens in the future.



EXHIBITS

Some fine displays of chips and tokens have been promised to be set up at the show by a few of the club's more prominent exhibitors. This is always an excellent opportunity for both the novice and the advanced collector to gain additional knowledge of their own collecting specialty.

EARLY BIRD WELCOME

For those of you who are in town early on Wednesday, you are invited to attend our "Early Bird Welcome" to meet face to face, the officers and some of the fine dealers and collectors that you've been corresponding with over the past several years. Complimentary wine, cheeses, soft drinks, coffee and tea are the usual fare at this annual get-together. A cash bar is also provided for those who like the stronger stuff.

LAUGHLIN BUS TRIP

For those collector "widows" or "widowers" who are not so enthusiastic about their mates hobby, we've planned an enjoyable activity for you on the beautiful Colorado River that was a huge success last year. We're planning another bus trip to Laughlin on Saturday morning. Check at the club Registration table for details.

REMINDER:

YOUR CC&GTCC MEMBERSHIP CARD IS YOUR FREE ADMISSION TICKET DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!!

CC&GTCC CONVENTION MEDAL & CHIP DESIGNS CHOSEN

Lynn Noyd, Art Nayot and Brian Tomarchio served as judges to select the designs for the token and chip to be issued by the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collector's Club in conjunction with the club's Second Annual Convention to be held at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 28-30, 1994.

Kevin Norris of Louisville, Kentucky submitted the winning entries for both the medal design and the chip design. The CC&GTCC plans to issue the convention medals in bronze and in .999 fine silver. The checque (chip) will be manufactured by CHIPCO of Windham, Maine. The token will be struck by Masterpiece Medallions of Claremont, California.

Judge Lynn Noyd has an art minor from State University College in New York at Fredonia. She is married to Dr. Dan Noyd and they have two daughters, Nicole and Ashley. Lynn is a substitute teacher in New Jersey.

Judge Art Nayot is a U.S. Navy Retired Commander who worked in the medical administration field. He is the owner of ADEN & Associaties, an administrative and support and consulting firm.

Judge Brian Tomarchio is a graduate of Rutgers School of Business, Camden, and is working as a Computer Tech at CompuCom. While attending college, Brian worked at Harrah's Atlantic City. He is a member of CC&GTCC and his father, Chuck, is the CC&GTCC Treasurer.

Medal and chip ordering information is published elsewhere in this issue of the club magazine, or it can be requested from Janice O'Neal, CC&GTCC V.P., 1836 Fisk Rd. Howell, MI 48843

Judges Lynn Noyd (right), Art Nayot and Brian Tomarchio pause while judging the 15 chip & medal art entries submitted for the club's 2nd Annual Convention in Las Vegas

NORRIS REPEATS DESIGN WIN

Keven Norris, of Louisville, Kentucky was declared the winner of the CC&GTCC 1994 convention chip & commemorative medal design contest. Mr. Norris' artwork, which graces the front cover of this issue of the club's publication was chosen in extremely tough competition in which there were 15 entries to chose from.

Norris won the club's 1993 medal design contest last year and was awarded a plaque and medal set (#1) during the Aladdin convention. A suitable award will be presented this April in Las Vegas to Mr. Norris for his 1994 designs.

In announcing the 1994 results, Contest Chairman Robert Maisch said that the judges had a difficult decision to make, selecting one design over a half dozen finalists to chose the winner.

OFFICIAL 1994 CONVENTION MEDAL SETS AND COMMEMORATIVE CHIPCO ISSUES

Those members who wish to order their Official CC&GTCC silver & bronze medal sets for our 1994 convention are encouraged to reserve their sets for pickup at the Aladdin, or to have them sent out upon Janice's return from Las Vegas after the convention is over.

The club has placed our order for the sets with the medal manufacturer in mid December and a 90 day turnaround is not unusual. The price will remain the same as last year.... $20 for the set of two pieces plus $1.50 for postage and insurance. The single bronze medal is also priced the same as last year; at $5. Only 250 sets are being struck and last years issue sold out very quickly.

The official commemorative convention CHIPCO issue that was very popular last year will be repeated again in 1994. The cost on those remain the same as well..... $4 each, plus a SASE.

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A.N.A. EXHIBITORS FUND GROWING

A $25 cash donation from **Mark Freitag** and a $50 pledge from **Janice and Jerry O'Neal** have been added to our growing A.N.A. "GAMING" Classification Exhibitor's Fund. (See Vol 6, #4, page 11) If you would care to make a contribution, simply send your pledge, or check or money order, in any amount to; ANA Exhibitor Awards, c/o CC&GTCC, P.O. Box 63 Brick, NJ 08723.

PLEDGES AND DONATIONS TO DATE:

ARCHIE BLACK	$100
MARK FREITAG	$ 25
HENRY GARRETT	$100
HOWARD HERZ	$100
MARK LIGHTERMAN	$100
JANICE O'NEAL	$ 25
JERRY O'NEAL	$ 25
TOTAL PLEDGED:	$ 475

A formal vote by the membership in attendance at our annual club meeting in Las Vegas, to approve the club treasury to cover any shortfall up to $1500 of the $3,000 needed to fund this project, will be on the meeting agenda.

$1025 to go. Won't you help???

CALL FOR 'CHIP & TOKEN OF THE YEAR'

Here it is, January 15, 1994. All of the chips and tokens that were issued during the previous year are now out. All of them are eligible for our annual contest to choose the best of many attractive issues. Our 2nd Annual Convention is just three short months away so we don't have much time to gather up all of your nominations and get a selection ballot of the finalists out to you to vote on.

The rules are quite simple. Many of you "old-timers" who have been club members for years know how the selection process works. For those of you who are new to the club, please review the procedure below and send in your nominations ASAP.

Any casino chip and/or gaming token of any denomination issued during 1993 from any gaming juristiction (world-wide) is eligible to be nominated.

Each member is entitled to nominate up to five specific chips and five specific tokens of any denomination. Series, or sets of chips/tokens will not be accepted. Individual chips or tokens that were issued as a part of sets are eligible and will be accepted. There will be no exceptions.

Deadline for all nominations must be received by February 28, 1994. A nomination form for your use has been inserted into this issue of the club magazine.

A chip or token must receive a minimum of five nominations from at least five different paid up club members in good standing in order to appear on the election ballot which will be mailed out via First Class mail during the month of March..... only to those members who have submitted a nomination. All club members who submit nominations will automatically be the judges for the 1993 Chip/Token Of The Year Election Committee. If you don't nominate a chip or a token, you will not receive an election ballot.

1993 "Chip Of The Year" and "Token Of The Year" winners will be announced at our Las Vegas convention in April and suitable awards will be presented to casino representatives of the winning designs.

Let's have a lot of participation and fun in this prestigious club activity. Our annual Chip & Token Awards are highly prized by the recipients and by the manufacturers of the winning designs.

Bills moves to put bet chips on credit cards

Casino patrons would be allowed to buy betting chips with their credit cards under a bill passed yesterday by both houses of the Legislature.

The measure (A-2978) was approved 41-18 in the Assembly despite objections from lawmakers who said the credit card provision would allow bettors to get "carried away." It then was merged with an identical Senate version (S-2231) and passed the upper house 32-4 and was sent to Gov. Jim Florio.

The sponsors are Assemblymen Frederick Nickles (R-Atlantic) and John Penn (R-Somerset) and Sen. William Gormley (R-Atlantic).

In debate in the lower house, Assemblyman Willie Brown (D-Essex) said the bill would exacerbate the problems of compulsive gamblers. "This allows a person to become more relaxed and irresponsible," he warned.

Assemblywoman Loretta Weinberg (D-Bergen) said allowing bettors to use their credit cards takes away a "cooling off period" that exists when a person runs out of cash when gambling.

"I really don't think we should be passing laws that encourage this type of gambling," said Weinberg, who backed other provisions in the proposal, which amended laws governing the operation of casinos and casino simulcasting facilities in Atlantic City.

But Nickles said the bill reflects "doing business in the '90s." He said the Casino Control Commission backed the credit card provision. The proposal also was reviewed by law enforcement authorities, according to Nickles.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

It's just great to see the growth in the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club. We now have our own convention, thanks to you and Janice and all the rest of our officers. We have the finest club magazine of its type around.

As you know, I have tried in my own small way to give support to this club and to its officers. However, I can not support your decision to have The Coin Company do our auction at the coming convention.

Why...? The fees are too high. Are we getting too big? What happens to the little guy that wants to buy a $3 token or consign one. I know, if you want a $3 token.... see one of the dealers on the floor. How many of our members can bid $150 for a chip or token? You ask for quality lots for the auction. Everything I have I think is quality. However, I can not consign anything to this convention. I collect for fun and to help my fellow collectors with my dupes, not for profit.

Dave Harvey R-182

Editors Note: You've answered your own question Dave. Our convention auction is not intended for $3 items. Readily common material that is available all year round from dealers, and from other club members who like to trade, is the best place to obtain the more common "quality" items for one's collection. The convention auction is not the place to consign or to bid on lower priced material. When the club granted the auction rights to The Coin Company, it was agreed that every club member would be mailed a copy of the catalog.... whether they consign lots or not, or bid or not. The Coin Company, not CC&GTCC, must pick up all of the printing and postage costs. The bills for that tremendous expense is not paid with $3 items. Also, who would want to sit through a three to four hour auction waiting for lower priced items to come up for bid when they could be readily purchased from many dealers (without paying commisions) on the spot in five minutes or less, right on the convention floor? As for your question, "how many of our members can bid $150 for a chip or token", I'll let our club auction results from last year answer that question.

Lastly, your question, "are we getting too big" puzzles me somewhat. Are we to assume that the club should not have accepted any more membership applications after reaching #1000? #1100, #1200, etc.? No, I don't think that the club has "gotten too big". I kind of think that the club is maturing, or growing up. You're quite correct about lots of members can't afford $150 items. Everybody can't afford to buy Mickey Mantle or Ty Cobb baseball cards or 1804 silver dollars, but when they are offered for sale, via auction, it certainly draws a lot of attention. I'm sure there will be many items that will sell well below $150. Those items that are worth the attention will get the high bids. I saw no forced hands in the air at our 1993 auction.

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1989	Official club chip "2" issued for 1989 ANA convention..	SOLD OUT
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1991	"F.U.N. Chip" Florida United Numismatists club meeting..	.75 @
1992	"F.U.N. Chip" Club meeting during '92 F.U.N convention..	.75 @
1993	"F.U.N. Chip" Club meeting during '93 F.U.N convention..	.75 @
1994	"F.U.N. Chip" Club meeting during '94 F.U.N convention..	.75 @
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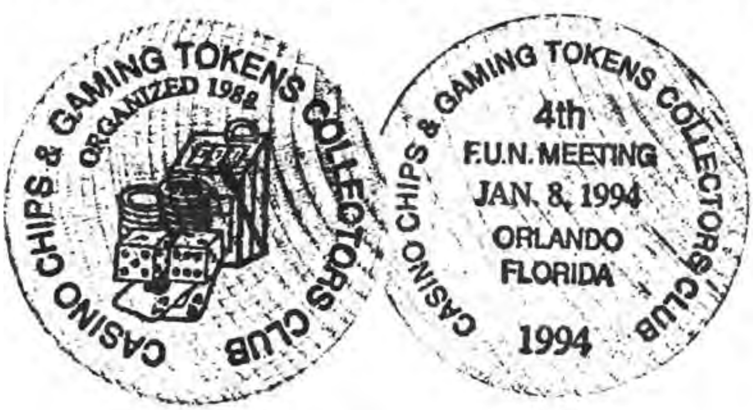

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YOUR CC&GTCC MEMBERSHIP CARD IS YOUR FREE ADMISSION TICKET DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT!!

A SLIGHT CAUSE FOR ALARM

THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVELER WHICH VISITS CASINOS IN EUROPE IN ORDER TO REVIEW THE MANY DIFFERENTLY SHAPED AND SHIMMERING COLOURED ACRYLIC CHIPS AND PLAQUES USED, SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOEING: SEVERAL CASINOS HAVE INVISIBLE METALIC INSERTS SET WITHIN THEIR CHIPS DURING THEIR MANUFACTURING PROCESS WHICH SOUNDS AN ALARM IF THEY WERE MISTAKENLY REMOVED FROM THE GAMING AREA OR CASINO.

1994 CC&GTCC CONVENTION /SHOW SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1994

3:30 p.m.	Club Officers & Convention Committee Board Meeting
5:30 p.m.	Annual pre-convention 'Early Bird' Membership Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception co-sponsored by dealer donations Stop by and say hello to your club officers and members
7:30 p.m.	Members swap session. *Bring lap traders! *No display cases, no tables. *Bring 3 ring binders/boxes, attache cases.
8:00 p.m.	Dealers with tables ONLY set-up. **I.D. REQUIRED**
11:00 p.m.	Ballroom must be vacated and secured for night

THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1994

10:00 a.m.	Dealers with tables ONLY Set-Up. **I.D. BADGES REQUIRED** Exhibitors may set up displays. **I.D. BADGES REQUIRED**
12:00 noon	OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY CONVENTION OPENS TO MEMBERSHIP/PUBLIC **Admission FREE with current CC&GTCC membership card** $2 admission without CC&GTCC membership card
12:15 p.m.	CC&GTCC Club Table Promotions Sales
2:00 p.m.	Auction lots Session #1 & #2 on display for viewing
4:00 p.m.	Thursday 50/50 drawing held
7:00 p.m.	One-way traffic (exit only) begins
8:00 p.m.	Bourse room must be vacated and secured Convention in recess until 10:00 a.m. Friday

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 1994

9:00 a.m.	Dealers with tables ONLY Set-Up. **I.D. BADGES REQUIRED** Complimentary coffee/tea for dealers/exhibitors
10:00 a.m.	Bourse floor opens to membership/public **Admission FREE with current CC&GTCC membership card** Admission $2 without CC&GTCC membership card Saturday Annual Meeting/Breakfast tickets on sale
11:00 noon	Auction lots on display for viewing
12:00 p.m.	All exhibits must be in place
4:00 p.m.	Friday 50/50 drawing held
5:30 p.m.	One-way traffic (exit only) begins
6:00 p.m.	Bourse floor must be vacated and secured for night Convention in recess till 10:30 a.m. Saturday
8:00 p.m.	Session #1 of Auction begins.... Salon Room

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 1994

8:00 a.m.	Annual Official Club Business Meeting Advance ticket purchase required/ Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Bourse floor open to dealers with tables only I.D. BADGES REQUIRED Complimentary coffee/tea
10:00 a.m.	Bus Tour from Aladdin to Laughlin departs. Tour package includes lunch. MUST BE 21!
10:30 a.m.	Convention floor open to membership/public **Admission FREE with current CC&GTCC membership card** Admission $2 without CC&GTCC membership card
11:00 a.m.	Session #2 Auction Lots on display for viewing
1:00 p.m.	Exhibitor and Annual Club Awards Presentations
2:00 p.m	Educational Forum: Guest Speaker: **TO BE ANNOUNCED**
4:00 p.m.	Saturday 50/50 drawing held Exhibitors may begin to tear down displays
5:30 p.m.	All exhibits must be removed One way traffic (exit only) begins
6:00 p.m.	1994 Convention closes to membership/public
6:30 p.m.	All dealer tables must be vacated (Help wanted for minor tear down work/packing up re-useable club materials) Give Show Chairman your name.
8:00 p.m.	Auction Session #2 begins.... Salon Room
9:00 p.m.	Laughlin Bus Tour returns to Aladdin

CHIP 'N TOKEN UPDATE

By Janice O'Neal; V.P./Club Historian CH-008

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL: WE HOPE SANTA ANSWERED ALL YOUR REQUESTS FOR NEW CHIPS AND/OR TOKENS!!

I AM SURE BY NOW MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE OF ALL THE BIG HAPPENINGS IN LAS VEGAS LAST QUARTER; OPENINGS OF LUXOR, TREASURE ISLAND, MGM GRAND, AND BLOWING "DOWN" THE DUNES. WITH STILL MANY MORE CHANGES DUE ON THE LAS VEGAS SKYLINE THIS YEAR.

LUXOR OPENED WITH AN INTERESTING SET OF CHIPCO (OF COURSE FOLLOWING THE EGYPTIAN THEME) $1 ORG BLK WHT, $5 MULTI BLK ORG, & $25 MULTI GRN; TREASURE ISLAND OPENED WITH NEW DESIGN CHIPS FROM PAULSON. THE CENTER INLAY HAS BEEN WIDENED SO THERE WILL BE MORE AREA FOR CENTER PICTURES. THEY ARE HOUSE MOLD AND HAVE CENTER INLAY PICTURE OF PARROT OBV/SAILING SHIP REV. $1 DK BLU, $5 RED 4 SPT WHT, & $25 GRN 4 TRIPLE WHT, CI IS MULTI ON BLK; DESERT INN HAS CHANGED OVER TO SHERATON DESERT INN AND HERE ALSO ARE THE NEW PAULSON CHIPS. THIS TIME H & C MOLD. $1 WHT 4 LT BLU, $5 RED 4 PNK, & $25 DK GRN 4 GRN. ALL WITH NEW LOGO ON CI.

AS I SEND THIS IN MGM GRAND IS ON THE VERGE OF OPENING WITH BUD JONES CHIPS. VERY POSSIBLE THIS MAY BE A MULTIPLE ISSUE. THERE WILL BE A SEPERATE "GRAND OPENING" $5 CHIP, ALSO BUD JONES. CAESARS PALACE HAS ALL NEW PAULSON CHIPS. HOUSE MOLD. $1-$5-$25, ALSO BACCARAT $5-$20 CHIPS THAT ARE OVERSIZE. NO WORD YET ON WHERE THE NEW $1 CHIP IS BEING USED.

LAS VEGAS HILTON HAS ISSUED 5TH IN THE CHIPCO SHOW CHARACTER SERIES, "POPPA"; BARBARY COAST HAS SLIPPED IN THE NEW VARIETY ON $5 CHIP "LAS VEGAS, NEV" (OLD ONE IS "LAS VEGAS") SAME DESIGN, SAME COLORS AS USUAL. NO REPORT YET ON THE $1 AND THAT PROBABLY MEANS GOLD COAST NEEDS TO BE CHECKED ALSO. LOOKS LIKE WE NEED A CHECK LIST ON ALL CURRENT CHIPS THAT STILL SAY ONLY "LAS VEGAS" AS SOONER OR LATER THEY WILL ALL GET CHANGED TO "LAS VEGAS, NEV" GOLD STRIKE INN NOW HAS $1 "BOULDER CITY, NEV" H & C BGE-HS SAME AS BEFORE. ORIGINAL HAD ZEROS AFTER THE "1", NEW ONE DOES NOT. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THESE MAY CHANGE AGAIN. BOULDER CITY IS OBJECTING TO THE USE OF THEIR CITY NAME ON ANYTHING "CASINO" RELATED AS THERE IS NO GAMING ALLOWED IN BOULDER CITY.

Type 1

Type 2

A STRANGE $1 CHIP VARIETY FOUND AT BINION'S HORSESHOE, LAS VEGAS. THE ORIGINAL TYPE I IS HRS SHOS BGE 2 BLK--BLK WHT CI AND HAS LARGE BINION'S NAME, SMALL "1", WITH LIGHT HAT & FACE. NOW TYPE II (SAME DESIGN & COLORS OF COURSE) HAS SMALL BINION'S NAME, LARGE "1", WITH DARK HAT & FACE; PIONEER CLUB, LV HAS 3 DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT SHADES OF PURPLE ON THE .50 H & C CHIPS (1) PRP (2) DK PRP (3) DK LAV; MOULIN ROUGE 900 W BONANZA RD (WEST LV) NOW HAS POKER TABLES WITH NEW H & C CHIPS $1-$5-$25 WITH THE ORIGINAL CAN-CAN DANCER LOGO ON CENTER INLAY; HACIENDA LV HAS DISCONTINUED $2.50 CHIPS; VACATION VILLAGE LV REMOVED CRAPS TABLE, $1 CHIPS OBSOLETE.

VERY LITTLE HAS COME IN FROM THE NORTHERN AREAS THIS TIME. CHIPCOS MAY HAVE EXHAUSTED THEMSELVES FOR AWHILE AFTER LAST SUMMER! CACTUS JACK'S CC DID FINALLY RELEASE THE 1994 "VIRGINIA & TRUCKEE RR" CHIPCO; HORIZON STLN LT HAS A NEW $2.50 CHIP, H & C PNK 3 MRN-BLK BLU WHT CI; ALL LIVE GAMES HAVE BEEN REMOVED AT ED'S TAHOE NUGGET, STLN. ALL CHIPS HERE ARE NOW OBSOLETE; RED LION, ELKO HAS A POKER TABLE WITH $1 & $5 H & C CHIPS.

AND SO ON TO TOKENS---FIRST, OF COURSE, IS LUXOR. SEE RELATED ARTICLE BY DON & JEAN ELSEWHERE IN THIS MAGAZINE. MY SUMMARY; THERE WILL NEVER BE AN EXACT TOTAL KNOWN, AS EVERYONE THAT GOES LOOKING FINDS A VARIETY NO ONE ELSE HAS FOUND. PUTTING THEM ALL TOGETHER SEEMS AN IMPOSSILE TASK AT THIS TIME. MY SUGGESTION; ANYONE WANTING A "REPRENSENTATIVE" OF LUXOR TOKENS SHOULD TRY TO COLLECT THE 4 DIFFERENT DESIGNS (CHARIOT, KING, QUEEN, & SPHINX) WITH HIRG. RINGS ON BOTH SIDES. ALL OTHERS ARE VARIATIONS OF THIS "SET OF 4". WE ARE STILL TOLD THESE ARE TEMPORARY AND THERE WILL BE A SET OF "COLORED" TOKENS IN THE NEAR FUTURE. NON HERE YET FROM NCM, NONE AT HARRAH'S FROM CT, AND NONE AT BALLY'S FROM CHIPCO. ALL WERE ANNOUNCED IN SEPTEMBER 1993.

NEXT CAME TREASURE ISLAND WITH A SIMPLE, ONE-$1 AND ONE-$5 (1993) GDC, BOTH ARE BRASS. SHERATON DESERT INN $1 & $5 (1993) CT, BOTH IN NICKEL SILVER. TROPICANA $1 GDC 1993-MONKEY, $5 GDC 1993-CRANE(BIRD). A VARIATION OF THE CLOSED EL RANCHO HOTEL, LV (1982) (RW) TOKEN HAS BEEN FOUND. THE WORDS, "EL RANCHO" & THE BELL TOWER ARE MUCH THICKER ON ONE THAN ON THE OTHER.

PRIMADONNA & WHISKEY PETE'S, JEAN BOTH HAVE NEW $10 TOKENS (REGULAR, NOT SILVER STRIKE). WHISKEY PETE'S ALSO HAS NEW $1 & $5 TOKENS. RAMADA EXPRESS LAU FINALLY RELEASED THE $1 TOKEN FOR #4 TRAIN ON 9-1-93 CAUSING IT TO BE LISTED AS (1993)/1992. IT IS THE "WM CROOKS".

ANOTHER $1 TOKEN RELEASED BY RAMADA EXPRESS SINCE THEN DATED 1993 HAS SAME OBVERSE DESIGN AS BEFORE BUT NO TRAIN ON REVERSE. A NEW SUPPLY OF $5 TOKENS ALSO RELEASED, BUT THESE ARE SAME AS PREVIOUS ISSUE. J.A.NUGGET SPARKS, NEW (1993) LM TOKEN. ALMOST SAME DESIGN AS (1989). THERE IS A WIDE WOOD GRAIN LIKE BORDER LINE AROUND THE WORD "NUGGET". (1989) HAS A THIN PLAIN LINE AROUND THE WORD "NUGGET".

I ASKED A QUESTION LAST TIME (SHOULD WE NOT RUN OUT OF BARS PRETTY SOON?) THE ANSWER IS CLEAR. "YES", BUT NOW OLD ONES ARE CHANGING NAMES AND GETTING NEW TOKENS!! LAS VEGAS: DOUBLE DOWN SALOON (WAS ARTHUR'S THEN FIBBERS); P T'S PUB 4825 W FLAMINGO (WAS WILDFIRE); P T'S PUB 4604 W SAHARA (WAS AMARILLO); P T'S PUB 4424 W SPRING MTN (WAS G.O.NUTZ); TERRY'S SPORTS LOUNGE (WAS BOULDERDASH); CASTAWAYS CASINO 1690 N DECATUR (WAS SUBURBAN LOUNGE-NORTH); THE PUB 3790 CAMBRIDGE (WAS P T'S PUB/TWAIN) SAME OWNER, JUST CHANGED BAR NAME AND TOKENS!! SERENE LOUNGE 3661 S MRYLND PKWY (WAS SERENE ROOM,THE); SERENE LOUNGE #2 545 E SAHARA (WAS SERENE ROOM II-NO TOKENS):SERENE LOUNGE #3, 3441 W SAHARA (WAS GOLDEN HOUSE); SERENE LOUNGE #4, 332 W SAHARA (WAS J J'S PUB-NO TOKENS); AND HANGAR BAR & GRILL, RENO (WAS BRASS LAMP).

NEW: LAS VEGAS; CALICO JACK'S SALOON; SHIFTY'S (1993) CT, E-T-T ROUTE COMPANY; BUGSY S 537 E SAHARA (A PLACE WITH THIS NAME WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN SOONER OR LATER!) JOHNNY MAC'S SPORTS BAR, HEND; RAE'S, HEND; MARCO'S CAFE, RENO; OLDE TIME BAR & GRILL, MINDEN; AND STAGE SALOON, MOUNDHOUSE (NOW WE ARE REALLY REACHING OUT IN THE BOONIES!!)

STORES HAVE BEEN QUIET THIS TIME. ONLY REPORT IS MEGA WAREHOUSE FOODS LV HAS BOTH LARGE AND SMALL CT MINT MARK.

COLORADO: MORE NEGATIVES FOR NOW, BUT THINGS ARE SOUNDING BETTER FOR THE FUTURE. BLACKHAWK: CRACKER FACTORY, POKER GONE $1 CHIPS OBSOLETE; JAZZ ALLEY NEW $5 TOKEN 1993 CT; GILPIN HOTEL $5 CHIPCO, SAME DESIGN AS BEFORE, BUT ADDED RIBBON ACROSS BUILDING SAYING, "FIRST ANNIVERSARY OCT. 1, 1993.

CENTRAL CITY: BONANZA REMOVED TABLES, AGAIN! ALL CHIPS OBSOLETE; BULLWHACKERS (CNCY ONLY), CENTRAL PALACE, AND GOLDEN ROSE, POKER GONE $1 CHIPS OBSOLETE; DILLION'S DOUBLE EAGLE & VIRGIN MULE BOTH CLOSED. FIREHOUSE CASINO & PUB OPEN 11-6-93 WITH SLOTS ONLY. $1 & $5 (1993) GDC BRASS.

CRIPPLE CREEK: NO REPORTED CHANGES.

DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA: DAYS INN MOTEL ON MAIN STREET $1 TOKENS (1993) NCM; PRAIRIE EDGE IS CLOSED; GOLD DUST HAS A $10 CHIPCO; AND RUMOR HAS IT THERE ARE NEW CHIPS AT B B CODY'S.

FROM CALIFORNIA: BETTER THAN FICTION DEPARTMENT: A NEW CALIF CARD CLUB SET TO OPEN MID-NOVEMBER 1993. THE BIG DAY ARRIVES. THERE WERE GRAND OPENING CERAMONIES, PLAYERS WERE LET IN TO SIT AT TABLES AND BUY CHIPS, BUT NO ONE COULD PLAY CARDS! IT SEEMS THE CLUB WAS STILL WAITING FOR CONFIRMATION OF THEIR LICENSE FROM SACRAMENTO. AT LAST REPORT, HOURS LATER, THERE WAS STILL NO PLAY. THEY DO HAVE A GREAT NEW SET OF BUD JONES CHIPS, WITH GOLD HOLOGRAM CIRCLE AROUND CENTER INLAY. ALL THIS FROM A CLUB MEMBER IN CALIF THAT WAS THERE TO SEE IT HAPPEN. (THANKS FOR SHARING YOUR ADVENTURE WITH US). THE CLUB IS BAY 101, SAN JOSE. THE CHIPS ARE; $1 BLU/WHT, $2 GRN 4 BLK, $3 TURQ 4 BLK, $5 YEL 4 SPT BLK, & $10 DULL RED 4 WHT/GRN/WHT/GRN/WHT.

INDIAN CASINOS: MICHIGAN: KINGS CLUB, BRIMLEY OPENED NEW ADDITION 9-1-93 WITH ALL NEW CHIPS AND TOKENS. CHIPS (FOR AMERICAN MONEY) .50-$2-$5 ARE HRS HDS RT, AND HAVE BLK RED SIL CI. .50 DK BRN 2 BGE; $2 DK RED 2 SPT BGE; $5 DK BLU 3 SPT BGE. $25 TRIANGLES & CLUBS MOLD BLK--HS. THERE WAS A $1 PRP 3 BGE THAT WAS USED FOR ONLY 3 WEEKS AND DISCONTINUED IN FAVOR OF USING $1 TOKENS. (FOR CANADIAN MONEY) ALL HRS HDS RT WITH BLK RED SIL CI; .50 LT ORG 2 BLK, $1 DK ORG 2 BLK (STILL IN USE), $5 DK YEL 3 SPT BLK, $25 DK PNK. $1 TOKEN (1993) CT.

AS OF 10-1-93 CANADIAN MONEY CHIPS AT VEGAS KEWADIN, SAULT STE. MARIE HAVE BEEN DISCONTINUED. ALL PLAY WILL BE AMERICAN MONEY CHIPS ONLY; SAGINAW CHIPPEWA CARD ROOM, MT. PLEASANT HAS ADDED TYPE II (1993) NCM TOKEN. TYPE I IS "LOW MINT MARK", TYPE II IS "MINI MINT MARK".

IT HAS BEEN DISCOVERED THERE WERE CHIPS AT THE ORIGINAL BIG BUCKS CASINO CLOQUET, MINN. .50-$1.00-$5.00 LANGWORTHY PLAIN (F.D.L. ON CHIPS IS "FOND DU LAC INDIANS") ALL ARE NOW OBSOLETE AS BIG BUCKS CLOSED WHEN NEW BLACK BEAR CASINO OPENED AT CARLTON, MINN. BLACK BEAR HAS $5-$25 BUD JONES CI CHIPS

TOKEN VARIATION AT GRAND CASINO-HINCKLEY, MINN. 1992 CT, TYPE I-OPEN CENTER LOGO, TYPE II-CLOSED CENTER LOGO; ALSO JUST DISCOVERED, AN ORIGINAL TOKEN FROM "LITTLE 6 CASINO" PRIOR LAKE, MINN. NO NAME ON TOKEN EXCEPT THE INDIAN TRIBE, "MDEWAKANTON SIOUX" AND INDIAN LOGOS OBV, DENOMINATIONS REV. THOUGHT TO BE (1991). "RWM" MINT MARK LOWER RIGHT SIDE OBV; A RE-STRIKE OF (1992) JM TOKEN AT MYSTIC LAKE CASINO PRIOR LAKE, MINN. RE-STRIKE HAS VERY WEAK DOLLAR SIGN OBVERSE. DESIGN & LETTERS ARE FLATTENED AND BLURRED LOOKING DUE TO RE-USE OF WORN DIES. THUS LISTINGS WILL BE: (1992) JM & (1992) JM RE-STRIKE.

LAC COURTE OREILLES HAYWARD, WISC HAS NEW CHIPS. ALL ARE H & C, CI WITH INDIAN HEAD LOGO. .50 WHT, $1 BLU 3 YEL/DK BLU/GRN, $5 RED 3 GRN/LAV/GRN, & $25 GRN 3 PCH/LT BLU; AT POTAWATOMI BINGO CASINO DOWNTOWN MILWAUKEE, WISC THERE ARE THREE (3) TOKEN VARITIES: TYPE I-THIN FLAME, "ONE DOLLAR" & "KEEPER OF THE FIRE" ARE LARGE & THIN; TYPE II-THICK FLAME, "ONE---" & "KEEPER---" LARGE & THICK; TYPE III-MEDIUM FLAME-FLAT, "ONE---" & "KEEPER---" MUCH SMALLER: LAC DU FLAMBEAU TRIBAL CASINO, LDFL, WISC HAS (1993) TOKEN. NCM MARK VERY FAINT TO LEFT OF ORIGINAL CT MARK THAT HAS BEEN BLOBBED OUT.

MESQUAKI BINGO/CASINO TAMA, IOWA HAS ADDED $1 CHIPCO, BLK GRY PNK WHT. ONE SIDE HAS BEEN RE-DESIGNED SINCE ORIGINAL $5 WAS ISSUED; DAKOTA SIOUX CASINO WATERTOWN, S.D. $5 CHIPCO HAS "DAKOTA SIOUX CASINO" OBV, "SISSETON-WAHPETON SIOUX TRIBE" REV.

4 BEARS CASINO NEWTOWN, N.D. $5 CHIP IS TRIANGLES & CLUBS MOLD DK RED 3 OFF WHT--BLK RED YEL CI, 8 CLOVER MOLD $1 CHIP REPORTED LAST TIME. ALSO $5 TOKEN (1993) CT SAME DESIGN AS $1; DAKOTAH SIOUX CASINOS ST. MICHAEL & TOKIO, N.D. (2 CASINOS) ALSO HAVE $5 TOKEN (1993) CT SAME AS $1. THE CHIPS ARE AN ODD MOLD DESIGN AND WE HAVE NO IDEA WHO THE MAKER IS. CAN ANYONE HELP ON THIS?? THEY ARE PLAIN EDGE. .50 DK BLU, $1 BGE, & $5 RED. ALL HAVE SAME INSERTS: 3 PNK/WHT/PNK. MARKS AROUND INNER RIM OF MOLD DESIGN ARE 12 SMALL WHITE SQUARES. CI IS BLACK DESIGN & RED DENOM ON WHITE. NOTE: THE CASINO NAME IS "DAKOTAH", CHIPS SAY "DAKOTA" (ANOTHER CHIP ERROR?)

TURTLE MOUNTAIN CASINO OPEN AT BELCOURT, N.D. $1 TOKEN 1993 CT. THERE ARE 2-$5 CHIPS (1) BUD JONES 8 SUIT TYPE I SUITS EMBOS, BRN/WHT--SIL HS USED AT "MINI" CASINO IN TOWN (2 TABLES), (2) BUD JONES 8 SUIT TYPE II SUITS INCUSED (CUT IN), RED--GLD HS USED AT MAIN CASINO 4 MILES WEST OF TOWN.

SYCUAN RESERVATION CASINO EL CAJON, CALIF NOW HAS A NEW $3 BJ CHIP WITH HOLOGRAM CENTER; NEW INDIAN CASINO AT BROOKS, CALIF CACHE CREEK INDIAN BINGO & CASINO. .50-$1-$5 H & C CHIPS. THERE IS A $1 CHIP HERE THAT HAS BROWN INSTEAD OF RED ON THE INLAY ONE SIDE ONLY!!!

RIVERBOATS: CASINO QUEEN E. ST. LOUIS, ILL HAS DISCONTINUED $2.50 CHIPS; MISSISSIPPI BELLE II CLINTON, IOWA ADDED NICKEL MACHINES WITH .05 TOKEN 1993 GDC NEARLY SAME DESIGN AS $1; FIRST LOUISIANA RIVERBOAT OPEN 11-8-93 ON LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN, NEW ORLEANS. STAR CASINO IS OPERATED BY SHOWBOAT OF LAS VEGAS, NEV. $1-$5 TOKENS (1993) GDC, $1-$5 H & C CHIPS.

MISSISSIPPI: CASINO MAGIC, BILOXI HAS $1 CHIP ON POKER TABLES THAT HAD BEEN OVERLOOKED BEFORE; BILOXI BELLE HAS $5 CHIPCO FOR IST BIRTHDAY 1993; COPA CASINO (EX-PRIDE OF MISS./PRIDE CRUISE LINE BACK FROM TEXAS) OPEN AT GULFPORT 9-93. .25-$1-$5 TOKENS (1993) GDC, $5 H & C CHIP (.25 & $1 TOKENS USED ON POKER TABLE, NO $1 CHIPS HERE); ISLE OF CAPRI OPEN AT VICKSBURG .25-.50-$1-$5 (1993) GDC TOKENS, $1-$2.50-$5 H & C CHIPS.

A NEW DAY CRUISE SHIP IS DOCKING AT GALVESTON, TEXAS IN PLACE OF THE PRIDE CRUISE LINE SHIP. "STAR OF TEXAS" MAIDEN VOYAGE 11-4-93. THIS SHIP HAS 3 SEPERATE CASINOS. CHIPS & TOKENS IN ALL THREE ARE THE SAME, SAYING "GOLD STAR CASINO" $1-$5-$25 H & C CENTER INLAY CHIPS, .25-$1-$5 (1993) NCM TOKENS.

AS ALWAYS I WISH TO THANK EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU THAT HAVE TAKEN THE TIME TO SHARE THE ABOVE INFORMATION WITH US SO WE CAN PASS IT ALONG TO OTHERS.....
UNTIL NEXT TIME---SEE YOU IN LAS VEGAS---JANICE O'NEAL

LANDMARK TO BE RAZED

After months of speculation, officials from the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority have agreed to purchase the defunct Landmark Hotel for $15.1 million. The decision has been postponed due to a host of environmental and legal issues. Because the Landmark site was formerly a gas station, the property needs to be checked for gas leaks. Asbestos will also have to be removed from the facility before it is torn down. Rather than renovate the historic Landmark, the LVCVA will use the site for extended parking for the Las Vegas Convention Center, and possibly build additional meeting space there.

The Landmark, rich in Vegas lore, was the site of an attempted suicide decades ago, when a disgruntled pilot attempted to kill himself and his wayward girlfriend by hurling his plane into the "space age" building. Although the airplane, a chunk of the hotel "saucer" and the famous letter "L" were destroyed, action in the casino below barely stopped.

Stupak deal

Grand Casinos Inc. plans to exercise its option to buy Bob Stupak's Vegas World once it gets its Nevada gaming license, in a move that would relegate the flamboyant owner to a role as a minority stockholder.

Jim White, Grand Casinos chief financial officer, said the Minnesota-based company would pay $50.5 million for controlling interest of Vegas World and that Stupak would no longer play a role in running the resort.

The company announced it was buying $21 million of stock in the Stratosphere observation tower adjacent to the hotel and would also have options to buy controlling interest in both the tower and the hotel-casino.

CASINOS

Rising to the Challenge

LAS VEGAS—Visitors can line up at Caesars Palace to join the studio audience of *Caesars Challenge*, NBC-TV's half-hour game show.

Hosted by sportscaster Ahmad Rashad, the show challenges contestants to unscramble letters that pop up when a hunk-sized centurion pulls the handle on a giant slot machine (no Vanna White-type assistant needed here). The show is broadcast weekdays, and a weekend edition has begun taping.

Prior to the show the audience is schooled in the proper TV etiquette of ooohs, aaahs, and applause. Future contestants are selected from the studio audience, and there are chances to win prizes before and during the show.

Tickets are free, with a limit of four per person, and can be picked up at the box office the Sunday before taping. Advance tickets may be requested by writing Caesars' ticket office at 3570 Las Vegas Boulevard South, Las Vegas, NV 89109. Include request for times, dates, and number of tickets. No children under eight are admitted, and those between eight and 18 must be accompanied by an adult. For taping times and ticket information, call 702-731-7865 or 800-634-6698.—*Ann Henderson*

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GAMING TECHNOLOGY REVIEW

Chequeing on Vendors

ANNUAL YEAR ROUND-UP

Part III • By Frank Legato

With new casino jurisdictions popping up on land and on water across the country, many casino equipment suppliers are taxed to the limit with back orders to supply the new gaming houses. At the same time, with the finishing touches being applied to new Las Vegas themed properties, orders are piling up for vendors in the gaming capitol as well.

This month, GTR wraps up its annual vendor roundup by examining three areas of casino supply which are running at full steam trying to fulfill orders for the new properties: casino tokens; cheques; and signage.

♦ TOKENS

The number of additional slot machines up and running industry-wide has never been higher. With a large number of those machines in denominations of a dollar and up, the demand for the gaming tokens which fuel the new slots is soaring.

Considering the millions of gaming tokens which are pumped into slot machines across the industry every day, the manufacturers which produce these tokens are surprisingly few in number. The lion's share of tokens used worldwide are produced by a handful of private mints in the U.S., which include Nevada Coin Mart and Casino Tokens in Las Vegas; Mississippi-based GDC, Inc.; Letcher Mint of Lancaster, Calif., and Roger Williams Mint of Attleboro, Mass.

Nevada Coin Mart made a big splash last year with the introduction of Kaleidocolor, metal alloy tokens with a polymer coating permitting a rainbow of colors never before seen in slot tokens. Themed properties like Excalibur in Las Vegas ate the new tokens up, ordering boxed sets for the gift shop as collectible items (the tokens feature characters from King Arthur's Court), as well as greatly increasing their "walk factor"; patrons are taking a large number of tokens home as souvenirs (pure profit for the casino).

This year, Nevada Coin Mart plans to introduce another technological advance in token manufacturing. According to mint director Scott Martin, the company is keeping the details close to the vest for now, but introductions can be expected soon.

Casino Tokens, Inc. has been busy building on its reputation for top graphic design in tokens. For the past three years, the firm's tokens have been named Token of the Year, an honor bestowed by token collector clubs and the trade publication Casino Chip & Token News for the best designed and made token. In 1990, the prize went to a $5 token the company produced for the Trolley Stop casino, and in 1991, a $5 token made for the Santa Fe took the honor. In 1992, a token produced by Casino Tokens for Harrah's Strip property in Las Vegas was named Token of the Year.

According to Casino Tokens president Richard Ziser, the firm has refined the art of computerized graphics in the design of tokens, after which dies are hand-sculpted in plaster and reduced for the stamping process.

This year, Casino Tokens is putting the finishing touches on

a patented multicolor graphic process for its tokens. According to Ziser, the color on the tokens will be photo quality, and will be sharper than anything currently available.

Casino Tokens is in the process of obtaining licensing in the riverboat gaming jurisdictions. The firm currently supplies tokens in Arizona, Colorado and South Dakota, as well as the traditional jurisdictions and several countries overseas.

GDC, Inc., formerly Green Duck Corporation, is the oldest supplier of tokens to the casino industry. Founded in 1906, the firm features Old World craftsmanship, with currency-grade metals purchased from England's Birmingham Mint, a sister company. The dies for GDC tokens are hand-crafted in intricate detail by German craftsmen.

Letcher Mint and Roger Williams Mint are known for collectible tokens. While only a small percentage of the total coins stamped by these two mints goes to the casino industry, the ones which do are unique. Letcher Mint recently added gold plating equipment to its plant to produce precious-metal, high-denomination tokens for Global Gaming's Silver Strike and Gold Strike slot machines, according to GM John Reilly.

Letcher originated the idea for the tokens, and Global Gaming is now producing the special slots for casinos in Nevada and several of the newer jurisdictions. The gold- and silver-plated Letcher tokens for these machines are vended from machines and are individually packed in clear capsules. "That tends to keep the walk high: it looks like something special," said Reilly. "It doesn't look like an ordinary token."

Roger Williams Mint has been producing stamped coins since 1926. According to chairman David Kilmartin, although a very small percentage of the coinage produced by the mint is comprised of gaming tokens, many long-time customers opt for the more expensive but very high-quality product the firm offers.

♦ CHEQUES

As with tokens, table game cheques, or chips, are produced by only a handful of manufacturers. In the U.S., the market for cheques is dominated by Paul-Son Dice & Card and the Bud Jones Company, joined to a lesser extent by Chipco International.

Paul-Son, with an industry-topping 50 years' experience, is the king of the compression-molded clay chip. First introduced in the 1960s, the compression molding process permits special marks to be imbedded in chips which would be prohibitively expensive for any would-be counterfeiter to reproduce.

The Bud Jones Company features injection-molded plastic chips, produced in a process which allows 1,600 different color combinations. The firm also features imbedded metal or multicolored decal centers in its plastic chips.

Bud Jones just got the order to supply the

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ew MGM Grand mega-resort in Las Vegas, lated to open in December. Jones is produc- ng 600,000 cheques for the MGM, in addition o a large amount of business in the new gam- ng jurisdictions. "We're all frantically trying to eep up," said Jones. "We haven't been able to ear up fast enough to keep up with the new usiness." Jones also got the order to supply ll the gaming tables for the MGM Grand.

According to Jones, while injection molded hips are more expensive (ten to 15 cents per nit) than clay chips, "they're worth it because njection molding makes them more durable. lso, nobody ever counterfeits them because he designs are so intricate it would be prohib- tively expensive."

Bud Jones currently supplies cheques to lmost 500 casinos in 50 countries.

Chipco International, which came on the cene in 1985 as a successor to the Burt Company, features the Pro-Tech Series, a evamped clay chip which the company touts s unbreakable and fully washable. "They are nade of high-tech ceramic composite materi- ls, allowing unlimited design graphics," said company president John Kendall. "They have a o-slip linen texture which guarantees profes- sional handling."

Kendall said security features of the Pro- Tech Series chip include the value denomina- ion printed on the edge of the cheque, and ar codes to guard against counterfeiting.

This year, Chipco introduced the Pro-Tech Series slot token, a standard metal token cov- ered with a ceramic coating which incorpo- rates all the security features of the Chipco heques, such as invisible bar codes, but is ompatible with coin comparitors in all slots nd can be co-mingled with existing token nventories. Early orders for the new tokens ave come from Bally's and Caesars Atlantic City for its $2 slot machines.

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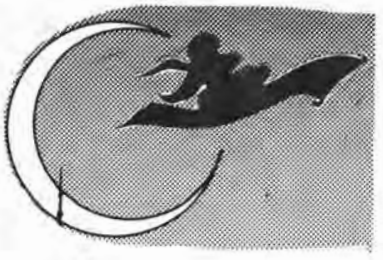

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BI-CENTENNIAL ISSUES: THE FIRST COLLECTABLE??

By Stephen Piccolo R-821

Back in 1976 to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of our country's independence, it seemed almost everything manufactured or printed had a bi-centennial logo attached to it. Even the federal government produced twin-dated bi-centennial coins!

A few enterprising casinos in Nevada also had special bi-centennial chips made for the occasion. These may have been the first attempt by casinos to market chips as collectibles/souvenirs. It probably was intended as a money making proposition to begin with. We all know that the casinos make money now when a chip "walks" from the casino, so the profits were probably much higher back in 1976 when the cost of the chips to the casinos was probably less than half of what they cost now.

One can only speculate as to whether it was a success or not but some of those chips seem to be quite scarce and "collectable" chips did not appear again till recently. Chipco Int. and the CC&GTCC have probably been the most influential forces behind the growing popularity of chip collecting today.

Getting back to the bi-centennial issues, I've come up with the following list of casinos that issued them :

THE CASINO	-	LAS VEGAS	$1 & $5
GOLDEN GATE	-	LAS VEGAS	$5
MGM GRAND	-	LAS VEGAS	$5
SAHARA	-	LAS VEGAS	$5
UNION PLAZA	-	LAS VEGAS	$5
SILVER SLIPPER	-	LAS VEGAS	$1
HOLIDAY CASINO	-	LAS VEGAS	$1
HORSESHOE CLUB	-	RENO	$5
HARVEY'S	-	LAKE TAHOE	$2

If anyone knows of any others to add to the list, please contact me through the club. I myself do not have all of them yet, but the challenge is trying to get them, isn't it ??????

RECENT CHIPCO U.S. NEW ISSUES

CHIPCO has again pleased the hobby (and MANY casino owners) with lots of new issues from around the country. Some of the areas represented this quarter are from Deadwood, SD; Biloxi, MISS; Tunica, MISS; Black Hawk, CO; Lake Charles, LA; Switzerland County, LA; San Jose, CA; Las Vegas, NV; Minden, NV; Fernley, NV; Laughlin, NV; Tampa, FL; Portland, ME; Barona, CA. Additional CHIPCOs are featured in other illustrated articles published throughout this issue. Russia continues to issue CHIPCO series in large quantities (see "Foreign CHIPCOs).

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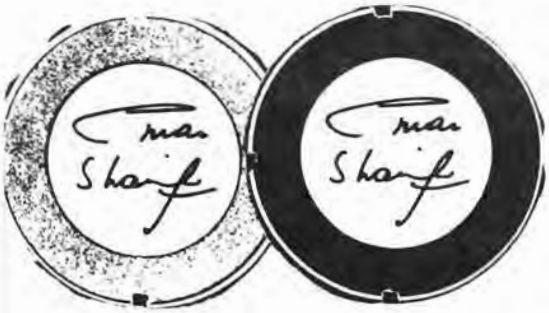

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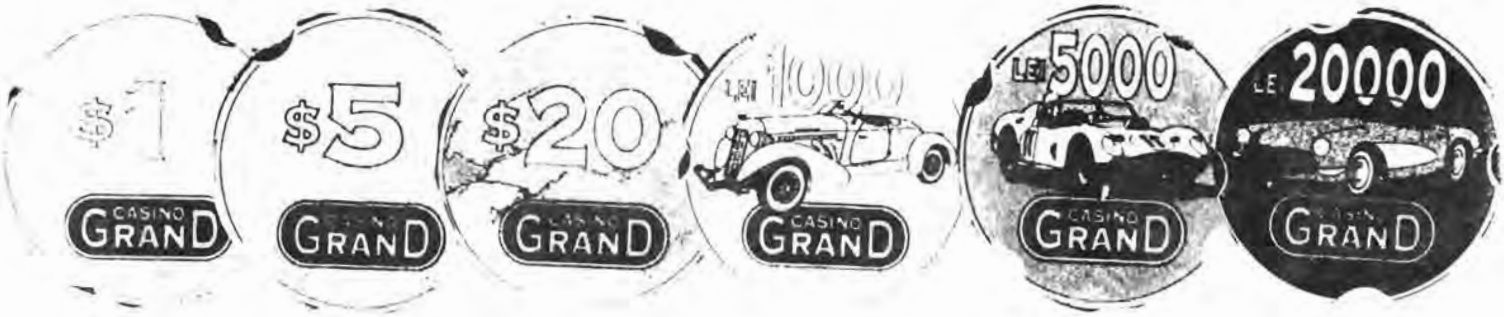

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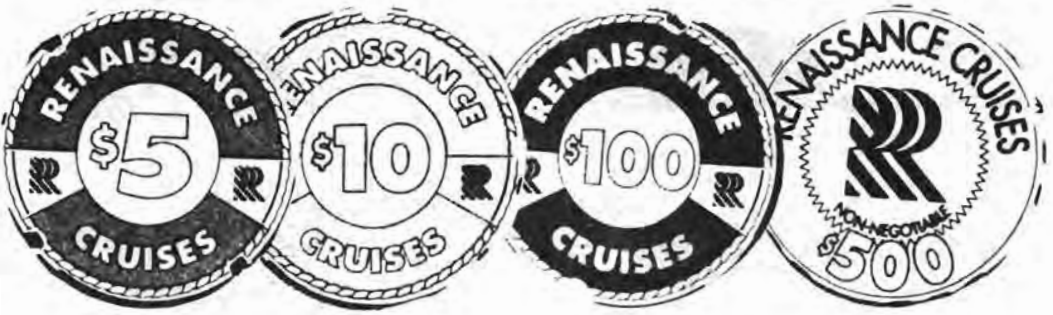

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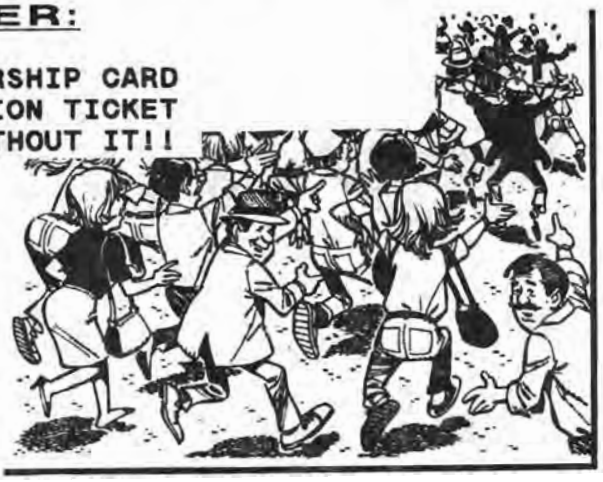

Casinos of St. Maarten

By John Genualdi R647

St. Maarten is an island shared by two countries . There is the northern part which is French and is a dependency of Guadeloupe, then there is the southern part which is Dutch, and a part of the Netherlands Antilles. The population is 28,000 and the land area is 37 square miles.

The people of the island are very friendly and as you drive from the airport there is a sign that says "Welcome to The Friendly Island".

All the casinos are located on the Dutch side. When I was checking on the number of casinos, I could only come up with eight. The number that I found is really ten.

Casinos on this island come and go like the cruise ships that come to Philipsburg. I will try to set the record straight as to what are the current casinos.

1.The Coliseum is located in Philipsburg on Front street and is the first Casino you would find if coming off a cruise ship. It has mostly quarter and dollar slots but has eight nickel ,a couple of $5, and a $25 slot machine. Upstairs, they also have a free play slot you get to try one time, (unless you're a pretty woman). They have roulette and blackjack tables on the lower level.

2. Rouge Et Noir at Seaview is located about 100 ft from the Coliseum. It has 25 cent, dollar, and 5 dollar slots and a lower room full of roulette and blackjack tables. The Coliseum and Rouge Et Noir open at 1:00 p.m.

3.The Golden Casino at Great Bay Beach Hotel is located at the edge of Philipsburg. It opens at 8 o'clock and is the second smallest casino. It has 5 cent, 25 cent, and dollar slots, and roulette and blackjack tables. The chips (according to the manager Franco) are about 20 years old and they do not like to see them leave the casino. If you tell Franco you collect and only want one you may be able to get some. The highest chip they have is the 25 dollar chip. This was originally the St. Maarten Isle Hotel Casino.

4. Casino International is further down the road from Great Bay Beach and is located at Little Bay. It opens at 6 p.m. This has to be the smallest casino on the island. It has four tables and a single row of 25 cent and dollar slots on one side and a couple of short isles of slots on the other side. If you do a time share sales pitch, like we did, you can get a T-shirt and a free gift. I chose the $100 dollars in chips. Well it turned out to be generic roulette chips which you have to play, but with a little luck you can win enough to pay for all the chips you would have purchased. This was the original home of the Little Bay and Alhambra casinos.

5. Lightning Casino is located half way between Philpsburg and the airport. It is the newest casino to St. Maarten and was not fully open when my wife and I were there. The upstairs offers bingo on Wed., Fri., Sat. and Sunday at 8 p.m. and the downstairs has the gaming tables and new electronic gaming machines. The electronic gaming uses only bills and pays off with a credit slip.

6. The Pelican Casino is located at the Pelican resort at Simpson Bay. It opens a 2 p.m. but really comes alive after 8 p.m.. It is a little larger than the previous casinos listed and has 5 cent, 25 cent, and dollar slots. There are plenty of tables here and also craps.

7. Mont Fortune at Sheraton Port De Plaisance is the newest resort and second newest casino. It is the largest casino on the island and is set in an elegant setting at Simpson Bay Lagoon. It offers 25 cent and dollar slots and roulette, blackjack, and crap tables. The chips do not mention Mont Fortune on them. This casino was open at 2 p.m., but as the other casinos, it comes alive after 8 p.m.. This was the one of two casinos to have 50 cent chips, they also have chips to $5,000.

8. Casino Royale is across the street from the Maho Beach Hotel right near Juliana International Airport. It opens at 2 p.m. and is about the same size as the Mont Fortune casino. Because it has a good location it is a very busy place. This casino offers 5 cent, 25 cent, dollar and 5 dollar slots. It has the full array of tables and the limits are a little higher. The highest table chip I saw was a $100 chip but they said they have higher ones for the big rollers.

9. Grand Casino, located at Mullet Bay Resort, is a little smaller than the Casino Royale, but it is a very lively place and was our favorite. If you look around the shops you can find some cards that you can present at the door for 2 match play chips and a T-shirt. This casino has 25 cent and dollar slots and plenty of tables including craps. Drinks are free at the tables and there is also some food to snack on. This was once the Mullet Bay Casino and also the Mullet Bay Beach Hotel Casino.

10. Atlantis Casino is located at Cupe Coy Bay by the Treasure Island Resort. It is a new casino replacing the Treasure Island Casino that I believe was destroyed by a hurricane some years back. This and the Coliseum are owned by the same party and share the same dollar tokens. If you purchase $20 or more in quarters or tokens you get a free T-shirt. The slot machines are 25 cent , dollar, $5 , $25, and a single $100 slot. The casino is the mid sized casino on St. Maarten with a number of tables including craps.

The only way to collect is to stay on the island. You would find it difficult to go to all casinos in one day if you do any gambling. Your best bet would be to do 3 to 4 per night and enjoy there beaches during the day. There is a great beach called the Orient beach which is a clothing optional beach located on the French side.

Other casinos that are now closed are Concorde, King Midas, Kalliste, Peacock, Sands Flamboyant and the St. Maarten Beach Club.

One token you might get and think is from St. Maarten is called the Admiral Casino. It says St. Maarten on it but is really from an Indian casino in Wisconsin. It may have been ordered by a St. Maarten casino but it never opened.

My wife and I had a great time and highly recommend a visit to St. Maarten. Rent a car, explore the island, shop, and go to those casinos and collect, collect, and collect.

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Collecting The Lowest Of The Low Gives Me The Highest High

by Douglas Saito

Remember the days of ten-cent coffee, ten-cent stamps, ten-cent bread—those days in the 50's when a five-and-ten store meant cents not dollars. If you do remember those dime-time days, then you will probably recall when many Nevada casinos had ten-cent chips in play—which was the reason that I decided to add ten-cent chips to my collection of Nevada checks.

At first, I honestly thought that ten-centers would be readily available because lots of 1950 casino customers would have walked away with two or three in their pockets. I thought they would be cheap to purchase being so readily available. And I thought there couldn't have been more than thirty or so Nevada casinos that had a ten-cent chip in play.

I thought wrong. On all three counts. Those 1950 customers that walked away with dime chips—how do you find them? Even if you do find them, they can't find the chips. As for cheap prices: I'm currently paying what seems like a million times over face. And now I've discovered that there were more than thirty Nevada casinos that had ten-centers, and, some of them even had five generations of ten-cent chips.

So, now I've come up with three other reasons why I am concentrating on acquiring super-low denominations from Nevada.

First, it became obvious to me that the lower the denomination of the chip, the faster they became extinct. Sure there were lots of ten-cent chips in play in the 1950's; today there are none. Sure there are lots of twenty-five-cent chips in play today; in ten years, there might not be any (which is one reason why I think it's more important for chip collectors to walk away with the quarter chip from current casinos as opposed to the one-dollar denomination).

Second, it's my revised guesstimate that there were less than one-hundred Nevada casinos that had a one-cent, five-cent or ten-cent chip in play. Which means that *any* ten-cent chip from Nevada is a semi-rare. And rarity in the chip-collecting hobby is the name of the game.

Third, because they're extinct, rare and not common to all casinos, they've become valuable. Prices seem to be escalating on penny, nickel and dime chips at a faster rate than other denominations.

In my collection, I have approximately sixty Nevada ten-centers, a couple of five-cent pieces and one lowly penny chip; all of which I have tried to photograph for this article. However, some of them were so worn or so dark that they came out looking more like soggy Oreo cookies, circular blobs of black—so I've chosen to do the opposite of the maxim that a picture is worth a thousand words, and I'll only use a couple hundred words to describe the chip instead of providing a poor photo-illustration.

Because of the length of this article and the space required to illustrate lots of ten-cent pieces, I have decided to write it in three parts. In this issue, part one illustrates chips from Artichoke Joe's in Carson City to the King of Clubs in Sparks. Part two I hope to have ready for the next issue of this newsletter; and it will cover ten-cent chips from Lakeside Inn in Tahoe to The Pit in Ely.

With each illustration, I have tried my best to give as much background on the chip, along with what I think they are currently worth, based on present-day escalated prices and their availability—a subject sure to solicit from the wise-owls their hoots of disagreement. Also, please note that all of the chips illustrated herein have been reduced in size.

Far left: Artichoke Joe's one-cent chip. Hat and cane, orange with 4 purple inserts, hot stamp. Center: Artichoke Joe's five-cent chip. Hat and cane, green with 4 purple inserts, hot stamp. Far right: Artichoke Joe's ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, pink with 4 green inserts, hot stamp.

The Artichoke Joe's/Carson City Series. Remarkable that this frontage-road casino, off the main highway through Carson City, is the only Nevada casino to put a one-cent, five-cent and ten-cent chip in play; and it's doubly remarkable that these three low-denomination chips were in play as recently as the late 1980's, because very few Nevada casinos even used a ten-cent chip as late as the 1970's.

The ten-cent chips from Artichoke Joe's are still plentiful and relatively cheap. The one- and five-cent pieces, however, are already on the Save The Species list. Actually, hunting down the penny and nickel chips isn't too difficult (I'd be happy to give you the dealer's name), it's the price you'll have to pay to get your prey—around $45.00 to $55.00 apiece. It's both a steep price and a stiff one when you consider that the chips are from the modern-day era; but then again, it was the *only* Nevada casino ever to use the three lowest denominations on the money scale—thus they are highly desirable.

Right: Barney's Bank Club ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, dark red, hot stamp.

Left: China Mint ten-cent chip. Small crowns, light red, hot stamp.

Barney's Bank Club/Fallon. A relative newcomer in my ten-cent collection, having purchased this one at the Fall 1993 Bellflower show. As for its rarity, it's hard to tell because they just surfaced . . . so there's no telling how many are in existence. There is also a red variation of this chip, which I don't have, and which might be more rare than the one picture here.

Oddly enough, I can't recall seeing the five-dollar chip from this same club, or one that has the owner's name hot-stamped on the chip (if you've got one, please let me know). Purchase price is in the $10.00 to 15.00 range. If you're cash-rich, buy two or three, especially so if it turns out to be one of the few chips to ever come out of this casino.

China Mint/Reno. I'm beginning to think this one's rarer than I first thought. Mine's well worn, so much so that I think the original red tones have been rubbed to a pink color. Like the Barney's chip, I haven't seen any other denominations from this obsolete club, and I get the feeling that I never will. If you see one of these, grab it, and grab it quick, because I haven't seen another one up for grabs. If it turns out to be the only chip that ever came out of this establishment, then I think it's well worth from $30.00 to $50.00.

Ten-Cent trivia:

There are more casinos that issued ten-cent chips in the northern regions of Nevada than the southern areas.

Club Bingo/Vegas. Yes, I know this isn't a ten-center, but I still consider it to be a low-denomination chip and an extremely rare one because of its odd denomination. One of only two gaming establishments that I know of to issue a twelve-and-a-half-cent chip, the other being The Avalon, a California card club. But why a one-bit chip? My guess, one that is usually given a three thumbs down from other collectors, is that this club probably put in a twenty-five-cent minimum blackjack game and paid off the three-to-two blackjack winners with this chip and a twenty-five-center. What bursts my theoretical balloon, however, is that no one's come up with a twenty-five-cent chip from this club.

This one's definitely in the $100.00 range; some say there's less than twenty in existence.

Club Bingo twelve-and-a-half-cent chip. Small crowns, green, hot stamp. Denomination on obverse.

Right: Club Cal Neva ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, green, hot stamp.

Left: Cosmo Club ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, yellow, hot stamp.

Club Cal Neva/Reno. I think this one's rare, because I've been looking for another one in better shape ever since I purchased this one two years ago. Now, four Bellflower shows, twenty coin shows and one CC&GTCC convention later, I still have yet to find another one.

I also suspect there's other variations of this ten-center—a suspicion based on the number of variations that this old club issued for their other denominations. Price: $25.00 to $35.00.

Dopey Norman's/Tahoe. Love this chip, even though mine's got a chunk missing on the obverse. It's the kind of chip you Saran wrap to protect it from the drool that other chip collectors will leave on it. It's the kind of chip that collectors want based on name value alone. It's the kind of show-off chip that gives you the upperhand in the mine's-bigger-than-yours comparisons.

A real super-rare one, and also one of the few Nevada ten-centers fashioned from an arrow/die mould. Might be more scarce than the twenty-five cent Dopey's, of which there might be less than twenty-five or so in existence.

As for price, I would bet you donuts to dimes that this chip will be the first ten-center to hit the thousand-dollar mark in the next ten years, nicked or not. As for today's price: it's gotta be close to a couple of bills—you know, the ones that have at least four zeroes.

Cosmo Club/Reno. This chip seems to come and go. It will appear at two or three casino collectible shows, then it will disappear for about six months. Are dealers doling them out slowly? If they are, try and make a cheap deal if you're interested in getting one.

There is also a fuchia variation of this chip, one that I don't have, and it is probably more rare than the yellow one seen here. If you've got one for sale, please let me know.

Because most of these tend to be in bad shape, I'd price them as follows: $10.00 worn, up to $25.00 for Grade A. Who knows how much for the fuchia variation.

Again, like the two other Northern Nevada casinos, Barney's Bank Club in Fallon and the China Mint in Reno, I don't think the Cosmo Club had that many chips of various denominations to begin with.

Left: Dopey Norman's ten-cent chip. Arrow/die, bluish gray, hot stamp. Denomination on obverse. Chipped with two spots of ink.

Right: Dunes ten-cent chip. House mould, light brown, hot stamp.

Right: El Cortez ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, peach, hot stamp.

El Cortez/Vegas. Very common, but still rare in the sense that not many Vegas casinos issued ten-cent denominations. Most of these that I've seen are in very good shape . . . were they ever put into play? I suspect not because most of the other chips from this old downtown Las Vegas casino always seem to be beat up and well worn, and if any chip from the El Cortez deserves to be beat up and well worn, it should have been this ten-cent cutie. A relative cheapie: $3.00 to $10.00.

Frontier Club/Reno. One of my favorites, and one that I think is very rare. It's one of those ego-deflating chips for those collectors who think they have the complete set of Frontier Club chips—the 5.00, 25.00 and 100.00, all of which I have seen recently—until I tell them they're missing the ten-center. However, I usually make amends with those whose egos I have bruised when I tell them that a measly ten-cent chip in this set would make it look cheap. After all, if you were selling silverware, would you tell patrons it also includes matching paper straws?

One more observation about this chip. As is the case with many other Nevada casinos, I've seen more of the $100.00 denomination from this club than the ten-center . . . so, what's more rare?

Possibly a $50.00 chip, and in two years I'll put one of my extras up for auction at the CC&GTCC convention.

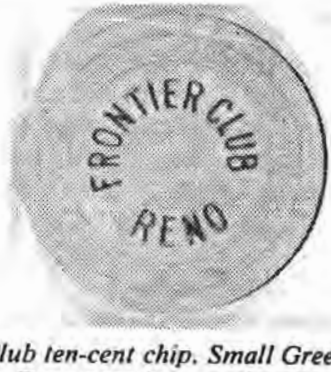
Dunes/Vegas. A real oddball, but becoming extremely valuable. Even in the American Grafitti days of the 1960's, it was rare for any "name" Las Vegas Strip casino to issue a lowly ten-cent chip, but I've heard that this one was created to test gamblers' reaction to a newly introduced table game. I guess the test results came back negative, because the Dunes aborted the game, but the afterbirth resulted in three hundred of these ten-centers still in existence.

This chip and a Riviera twenty-five-cent chip are often the two missing chips in the collections that I've seen from folks who collect only Las Vegas "Strip" Casinos. How some of them manage to get the Wilbur Clark's Desert Inn $100.00 chip and *not* the Dunes dimer still baffles me.

Because I haven't seen one for sale or trade in the past year, I'd say this one's a hot item, doubly so because of Steve Wynn's famous demolition derby at the Dunes. $40.00 to ?

Left: New El Morocco ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, brown, hot stamp. Denomination on obverse.

El Morocco, New/Vegas. The give-away clue to this chip is the word that's hot-stamped on it—New. Like the El Cortez dimers, this chip is in excellent, pristine, and unplayed condition . . . so why do I always get suspicious when I see ten-cent chips in mint condition? Especially ones that are as common as this one. One pie-in-the-sky answer: Management wanted to put in a ten-cent crap game, ordered the chips, then decided against using them. Might be cheaper than El Cortez ten-center at $3.00 to $8.00 but a much better investment for the future.



Frontier Club ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, white, hot stamp. Denomination on obverse.

Golden/Reno. Much like a eunuch, my ten-cent Golden/Reno is not pictured here because of its bad reproduction qualities.

I picked this purple plum out of a private collection which I think turned out to be a cherry piece. Haven't seen another since. It's in excellent condition, down to the shininess in the hats of its h&c mould. Did they ever hit the table? And, if they did, was it at a place called the Golden, or the Golden Club, or was it called the Golden Hotel? No scoffing at any answers you might have.

If you want to see what the chip looks like, look for one of the Golden roulette chips—you'd think it was an exact match logo-wise.

Since I've never seen another one for sale, I'd price it around $75.00. With one caveat: Many of them might be tucked away in some chip dealers' drawers (the wooden ones, not woolen).

Left: Harley's Silver Dollar ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, gray, hot stamp.

Harley's Silver Dollar/Reno. Pardon the poor pun, but these have become a dime a dozen. Very plentiful. Any dealer who doesn't have one for sale wouldn't know his hat & cane from an arrow/die. If you're going to buy one, get one in excellent shape, which most of them are, and get it cheap, because this chip, along with the Overland/Reno ten-centers, is one of the most common of all the dimers ever to come out of Nevada.

The best thing about this chip is that it's cheap, and it's from an obsolete casino where they didn't have a lot of other denominations of chips. Price: $2.00 to $8.00; and, at those prices, it would be wise if you purchased a minimum of three—one to keep, one to trade, and one to sell.

Right: Golden Bank Club ten-cent chip. Arrow/die, red, hot stamp.

Golden Bank Club/Reno. My runner-up favorite. Not because it's semi-rare, but because of its arrow/die mould. From what I can glean and gather from the loredom of Nevada dimers, this chip and ole Dopey Norman's are the only two ten-cent Nevada chips manufactured in this mould. Although the possibility exists that other arrow/die Nevada chips, which lack denominations (i.e., Eddie's Club/Fallon, Log Cabin Club/Hawthorne, Sagebrush/Fallon), might have been designated as ten-cent chips.

Although the chip pictured here is red, I have some extras that are lighter and paler. I don't think they are a different variation; they're more like Russia today, simply shedding their red with the passing of time.

More than likely, this is the only denomination chip that came out of this club, and I'm beginning to think this might have been the earliest ten-cent chip ever put into play in Nevada (one where the denomination is indicated). If I'm right, then this one's a solid investment. Price range: $35.00 to $50.00.

Penny For Your Thoughts:

Besides the Artichoke Joe's one-cent chip, I also have a one-cent Lafayette Hall in Sacramento and a penny chip from a B.P.O.E. in South Dakota; do you have any in your collection other than those three? If so, think you can send me your list?

This is not an advertisement, it's a desperate plea: Dime-chip collector disparaged and despondent over sixth divorce, desperately seeking following ten-cent chips to dissuade attempts at suicide: Bill's Corner Bar, Bird Cage, Boondocks, Boulder Club, Brad's Place, Chesterfield Club, Fallon Nugget, Fremont Hotel, Frontier Club/Vegas, Gay 90's, five-cent LaRue, five-cent Pony Express, Ringside Casino, South Shore Club, Western Village. See address at end of this article.

Right: Harrah's ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, green with 3 blue inserts, hot stamp

Left: Harrah's ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, green with 3 blue inserts, blue hot stamp.

Pictured here: Harrah's ten-cent chips. Left: Small Greek key, purple, hot stamp. Center: Rectangles, green with 2 blue inserts, blue hot stamp. Denomination on obverse. Right: Small Greek key, red with 3 aqua inserts, hot stamp.

The Harrah's Series. I might be blowing in the wind when I want to know how many chips I've got to go to get all of the ten-cent chips Harrah's ever used at their locations in Reno or Tahoe, or in some cases, at both places at the same time. For a collector of ten-cent chips, trying to find all of the Harrah's dimers might be one of the most frustrating, because you've got to carry xeroxes of what chips you have in order to remember what you need.

Reliable sources says there's nine different ten-centers in this series, but I suspect there's a double handful, maybe even a baker's dozen. I only have five, some with a different insert color, or a different color of hot stamp, or a difference in whether the "and" is represented by an ampersand (&) or spelled out.

As for availability and price, the purple is by far the most common, and, I suspect, the most recent. It can be had for around $4.00 to $10.00. The rarest of the series seems to be any of the ten-centers from Harrah's in Tahoe, and I would price them from $30.00 to $50.00.

If any collector manages to get all of the ten-cent chips issued from Harrah's, I would tip my beanie to them, open my wallet and then, like the Godfather, make them an offer . . .

Horseshoe Club/Reno. A common chip, one that I've seen in lots of dealers' display cases. This one smacks of recent vintage (or is it mintage?). It's genuine, though, but another one that I don't think was ever stacked on a felt-top table. All of the ones I've seen are in near-new shape. So, again, if you're going to get one, go for the best-looking one, and try not to spend more than what you would pay for a buffet in Vegas. From $4.00 to $10.00.

Left: Horseshoe Club ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, bright yellow, hot stamp.

Ten-Cent Trivia:

There are more ten-cent chips in California card rooms than any other state.

Horseshoe Club/Reno. A great chip. But, like my idiosyncratic hare-brained uncle, this one's cracked, and it ain't all there. But, unlike my crazy uncle, at least I have a shot at replacing this piece. Then again, like my uncle, this chip might be one of a kind. Probably the first ten-cent chip issued from this club. I rate this chip as being very rare. How rare? I'd be willing to trade my uncle for one in good condition, 'cause I haven't seen another one like it. Price for uncle: $29.99. Price for chip: $10.00 to ?

Left: Horseshoe Club ten-cent chip. Small crowns, gray, hot stamp. Drilled, crack on obverse.

Right: Karl's Silver Club ten-cent chip. Small crowns, pink, hot stamp.

Left: King of Clubs ten-cent chip. Nevada dice and cards, brown, hot stamp.

Karl's Silver Club/Sparks. Once readily available, chip collectors seem to have culled the best of this lot, buying them up from $3.00 to $10.00 a chip. Now what's left are either nicked, discolored or well worn . . . all good indications though that they did hit the tables.

What a lot of collectors don't realize, however, is that there might be two variations of this chip. I have a red one and a pink one, the pink one is pictured here. Both are in excellent shape, but with enough difference in color that I feel they aren't Siamese twins. Then again, there's always the thought that some dubious dealer deviously dropped one in a cup of Clorox over night. Of course we all know that a dealer wouldn't deliberately change the appearance of a chip . . . or would they?

I have found that the price range on this chip to be the most extreme. Many in good condition are being sold for $3.00; but I have seen some in crappy shape being tagged at $20.00.

King of Clubs/Sparks. Another great chip. Haven't seen a dealer display one of these in almost two years. And, like the Frontier Club/Reno ten-center, the $100.00 denomination from this casino seems to be more common than the dime chip or its more valuable brother, the $25.00 chip. Believe it or not, I paid ten dollars for one and fifty for another . . . so if you buy one at $29.99, you're probably getting the better of the deal.

Ten-Cent Trivia:

The color black is usually indicative of $100.00 chips today; however, black was often the color of ten-cent chips (i.e., Monte Carlo/Vegas, Las Vegas Club, Palace Club/Reno) in the old days.

Ten-Cent Trivia:

The oddest denomination, in my opinion, is not the twelve-and-a-half-center, it's the thirty-cent 300 Club chip that I have in my collection—anybody know where it was located?

As I've stated earlier, I'm hoping that part two of this three-parter will be ready for the next issue of this newsletter. In the meantime, I encourage any and all to pass along corrections, criticisms and comments that you might have about this article, so that I can make amendments, acknowledgements or, Buddha forbid, retractions in the next edition.

If you're interested in acquiring some of the low-denomination chips that I've listed in this article, I do have extras, and if I don't have them available, I'd be more than happy to tell you the name of the dealer from whom I acquired the chip. More importantly, if you have any ten-cent chips that I don't have, I'd be happy to trade some of my lowly $100.00 Nevada chips in exchange for your expensive nickels and dimes.

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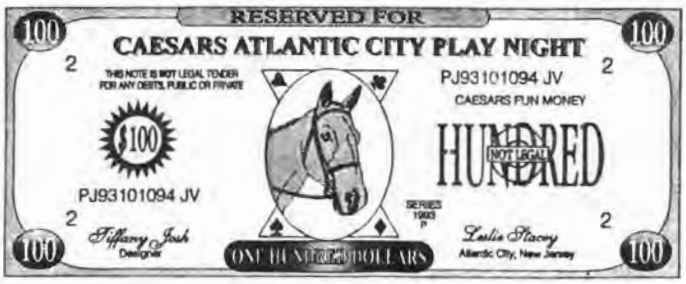
ATLANTIC CITY

CAESARS POKER/SPORTS BOOK OPENS

Well, the mystery about the $5 CHIPCO "blackheads" disappearing from the tables has been solved. (see Vol 6,#4) They were withdrawn from play only to be "recycled" for the opening of Caesars new poker room. On October 19th, the Fun Night was held for the grand opening. A dissapointing generic type hot stamp was used, with no identification as being a Caesars issue.

However, the green paper Fun Nite money for which the Fun Nite chips could be purchased was clearly identifiable and a few specimens are illustrated below, compliments of Bob Mera.

(reduced obverse/reverse)



$1, $5, $50, $100 designs

TRUMP CASTLE ISSUES $10 TOKEN

Around late September/early October, a new $10 slot token was put into play at Trump Castle. By accident, on October 22, I stumbled across a sign coming down the escalator from the Castle parking garage announcing the $10 machines.

The new brass token features three dolphins on one side with a large "$10" on the other side. It is dated 1993 and bears the gdc mintmark. Unfortunately, all of the specimens I've seen to date so far have circulation marks.

"NEW" CEASARS $25 CHIPCO....NOT!

On November 2nd, Election Day '93, Ceasars pulled all of their regular Paulson greens off the tables and replaced them with a CHIPCO $25 chip. Less than one week later, by Veterans Day, all of the $25 CHIPCO's were off the tables and the Paulson greens were back. This has to be the shortest lived chip in A.C. history!! A super tough chip to obtain for those who are into the $25 denominations. RARE!!

FLASH!

On December 3, after my A.C. column was "put to bed" for this issue, I received a call from one of my dependable A.C. observers, Jim Whittaker, that Caesars had two brand new $5 CHIPCOs on the tables that no advance notice was given about. You've read by now the news on the new Poker Room and Race Book that Caesars opened.... but for some reason, these commemorative CHIPCOs were not put into play until December 1st. Perhaps that is why the "black heads" were withdrawn as reported on earlier; because the new CHIPCOs were not ready for distribution for the grand opening.... or not received and inventoried in time, or not approved by the CCC.

About the same time in December, Harrah's also opened their poker room and had a Fun Nite. A disapointing unimpressive hot stamp chip was used. At least it was identifiable as a Harrah's issue. I'm not even going to waste space to illustrate the cheap quality b&w photocopy paper money that was issued to exchange for the chips.

TROP BACK-UP $2.50 CHIP

Jim Whittaker again was the first to report that TropWorld has put a $2.50 chip from their backup set on the tables on December 2 & 3rd. According to information received from another club member, the old chip was changed because of an "insufficient depleted inventory" of the original $2.50 TROPICANA chip (not TropWorld). The $2.50 chip from the TROPICANA back-up set is the chip that is presently on the tables. There appears to be two distinct varieties. One with solid letters the other with "unfilled" letters. No word yet on new rack of chips for TROPWORLD.

Still another A.C. issue finally made its appearance in December. The long awaited $2 Caesars token was issued on Pearl Harbor Day, December 7th. It is gold in color and its primary design is that of a horse drawn chariot and driver. The reverse has an "OPM" mintmark which I'm not familiar with.

*Janice tells me that the "OPM" mintmark stands for "Old Philadelphia Mint", formerly the JM Janey Mint. NOT to be confused with THE U.S. Philadelphia Mint

NEW $5 TOKEN AT BALLY'S GRAND

I give up! For the life of me, I can't figure out casino management thinking. All of the effort, time and money that was put into changing their image and new logo to "The Grand" and what do they issue..... a "new" token with the old style "Bally's Grand" design. It can't be an "old" issue laying around in the vaults, waiting to be put into play, because the OPM mintmark would indicate it is of relatively new vintage.

The token is an otherwise very attractive bi-metal design, although the shiny brass, or bronze, center marks up real easy due to heavy circulation. It was put into play in early December.

N.J. CHAPTER OF CCGTCC TO MEET

An organizational meeting of the New Jersey Chapter of CC&GTCC will meet on the last Sunday of February (27th) between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. This informal meeting will take place at the rear of the new Gaming Emporium's expanded store at the Ocean One Mall (across from Caesars) on the Atlantic City boardwalk. Future plans will be announced for regular monthly get togethers for area collectors and visitors to meet, talk chips, swap duplicates and possibly set up a monthly bid board. All CC&GTCC members are invited to attend. For additional information call:

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"FUNNY FIVE'S?"

Club member John Benedict reports that he was able to purchase two Havana Riviera chips illustrated below chips for $3 each in South Florida recently at an antique show.

Either the vendor, who had about 50 of these pieces in a small box at his table of old toys, didn't know what he was selling..... or the chips were not authentic.... John is unable to determine. Anyone out there have any thoughts? The sloppy center inlays were on one side only and the pair illustrated below were the best of the lot.

NEW RE-DESIGNED PAULSON'S CHIPS

Feeling the increased competition from CHIPCO into the familiar H&C product line, it would appear that Paulson & Co. is not standing idly by; watching their market share disappear.

Below is a manufacturers sample of the newly redesigned oversized colorful center inlay which allows for an increased area in which to place large complex graphics. The H&C logo still faintly appears underneath the center inlay, which now goes almost to the edge of the chip.

Note: The "Diamond Hotel & Casino" is a fictional place that does not exist so don't go looking for it!

BUENOS DIAS FROM PUERTO RICO

Albert Rollins reports that the pink $2.50 chip from the Ambasador Plaza Casino in San Juan has been withdrawn from casino play during October and is now considered to be an obsolete issue.

Member Rollins also reported on two new chips, $1 & $5 issues from the newly reopened El Conquistador Hotel & Casino in Fajardo.

SITTING ON BACK ISSUES OF "CHIP & TOKEN NEWS"?

Many newer club members are clamoring for them.

Why not put a "For Sale" ad in the next issue and sell to someone who will give a good home to this reference material or donate 'em to the club?

EXHIBITORS WANTED

There is still room left for those of you who wish to exhibit at our Vegas convention in April provided you get your application in by February 28th.

If you are planning to display an exhibit of <u>any</u> casino collectible topic, please write for an Exhibitor's Application. There is no charge to set up Educational displays at our conventions and the club will provide you with the display cases to house your exhibit. Who knows, you may even win an award!

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MORE CC&GTCC CHAPTERS PLANNED

With the CC&GTCC Colorado Chapter taking the lead by demonstrating the value and <u>fun</u> groups can have with a common purpose, more state and regional groups have plans to form "CC&GTCC Chapters". Florida is considering organizing a Chapter during our F.U.N. meeting in January; a New Jersey group will have its first organizational meeting the last Sunday of February in Atlantic City; and some California members are planning a gathering for the Long Beach Show. A set of proposed rules for affiliation with CC&GTCC has been prepared and will be discussed at our April convention in Las Vegas.

Windsor Casino, Ltd., the consortium chosen to build and run the Windsor casino, represents three major casino operators: Hilton Hotels Corp. based in Beverly Hills, Calif.; Circus Circus Enterprises of Las Vegas and Caesar's World of Los Angeles.

THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Michael Knapp

Thanks to those of you who have written or taken time to say that you missed this column in the October issue of the magazine. It's encouraging to know that it's read and appreciated. I'll try to make sure that the gap is not repeated!

As most of you know, this is *your* column: it's an information exchange, where we attempt to identify chips and tokens that members send in, to answer questions about casino, chip and token history, and to request input from members when we cannot accomplish the identifications with our own resources.

The Information Booth only works if you participate. If you have questions or answers, please write to your columnist at 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, OH 43235. We always acknowledge those who have contributed, at the end of each column.

As is our custom, we'll begin with some answers. The number of the previously-published UFC (Unidentified Flying Chip) appears first, in boldface.

39A and 39B: These Colonial Club checks are believed to be from Charlevoix, MI, an illegal club in the 1920's and 1930's.

401: Although we do not have a specific attribution for this Fire Side check, a member has told us that he has the same chip in the following denominations and colors: 10¢ ivory, 25¢ red, $1 blue, $5 yellow, and $10 black. Those denominations and colors lead us to the conclusion that the chip is from a California club. Just as southern Nevada and Atlantic City have traditional colors for certain denominations of chips ($5 red, $25 green, $100 black, $500 lavender), so does California. In California card rooms, 25¢ chips are usually red, $1's blue, and $5's yellow.

510: The Nevada Gaming Control Board has confirmed that the Treasury in Sparks (at least the present club) has never been authorized to use a $1 chip in play. This TC chip is too old to have been used at the present club in any case, and must have originated elsewhere.

534: The Oxford Cigar Store was located in Missoula, Montana. Given the variety of denominations of these chips, it seems likely that they were not "good for trade" pieces at all, but rather were used in a card game, perhaps an illegal one.

538: The Sport Club was reportedly an illegal casino in Detroit during the 1930's and 1940's.

545 and 552: These chips, which say MERL and SPUD, are supposedly from Twin Falls, Idaho, although we have been told nothing else about it. Does anyone have further information?

555: Slim Poker was a card room in Porterville, California.

572: We are told that the 1st Avenue Club was an illegal club in Chicago.

573: Yes, there was a Mint in Great Falls, Montana, a legal card room. But this particular chip is different from those which have been identified as having come from the Great Falls Mint. Can anyone provide further information?

582: This 88 Club chip is from Jeffersonville, Indiana, an illegal club in the 1940's.

595: The Crystal Club was located in Dickenson, Texas, not in Galveston as originally reported.

607: This Bordertown chip has generated perhaps more mail than any chip which has ever appeared in the colum. We knew at the time that the question was published that there were two real possibilities: the Bordertown near Reno, Nevada, and the area now known as Jean, Nevada, which was originally known as Bordertown, Nevada. We received a number of letters suggesting that the chip had to be from one or the other, but no authoritative information as to the origin of the chip.

One member says that he has been going to the Bordertown casino outside Reno since 1984, and that there has not been a $1 chip in use during that period. Another member, however, says that he has the $5 "mate" to the illustrated chip, indicating (although he did not send a photocopy) that the design, typeface, and rim design are identical.

In the southern Nevada camp are several members who insist that the chip has to have been used in a casino in what is now Jean, Nevada, on the Nevada/California border.

For the time being, therefore, The Information Booth still considers the chip unidentified, until an authoritative attribution can be made. If anyone has solid information, we clearly have many members who would like to know the true origin of the chip!

612: Again, we have a number of possibilities, but no firm identification for this LAFB chip. The chip was used at an Air Force base Non-Commissioned Officers' Club, but which one? There are several possibilities: Langley AFB, Hampton, VA Laredo AFB, Laredo, TX Laughlin AFB, Del Rio, TX
Little Rock AFB, Jacksonville, AR Loring AFB, Limestone, ME
Luke AFB, Glendale, AZ.
Again, if anyone recognizes the chip and can attribute it specifically, please let us know.

613: We have an idea of where this chip is *not* from, but no identification, unfortunately. There was a Tower Club in Hot Springs, Arkansas, but no chip attributed to that Tower Club has a similar illustration of a tower in the center, as does the UFC.

619: A member has written to suggest that this NCL chip was used on the cruise ships of Norwegian Cruise Line. Although a good guess, we rather doubt that this is the origin of the illustrated chip. The rim design indicates that the chip is considerably older than it would be if it had been used on modern cruise ships, although the initials do match. Can anyone confirm the origin of this chip?

Now for some new UFC's, some of which come with answers and guesses! The check which appears to the right (**635**) says "Satin's Sportmans' Spa." It is one of a set, in denominations of 5¢ (lavender), 10¢ (white), 25¢ (red), 50¢ (green), $1 (blue), $5 (yellow), and $20 (black).

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Some detective work by Gene and Arlene Grossblatt not only identified the chips as being from a California card room, but also unearthed this fantastic old photo of the exterior of the club.

From the appearance of the automobiles visible in the photo, it appears to have been taken in the late 1950's.

Interestingly, the sign on the outside of the card room says "Satin's Sportsmans Spa," which is different from the wording on the chip. This is but another indication that club owners (regardless of location!) often pay almost no attention to the specific wording on their chips. Hence, we often find chips with initials on them with no periods separating the initials, while the signs and other printed material from the club shows periods after all initials.

It's unusual that we get both previously unknown chips and the information to authenticate them in the same column.

The chips on the next page are new unidentified chips for this issue. As is our custom, we have indicated which chips have denominations on their reverse sides, by placing a $ next to the chip as appropriate. Other chips can be assumed to be identical on both sides.

636 is believed to be from the Bonanza Club in Reno, but we would like confirmation if someone can absolutely identify it as such.

The member who sent in UFC **637** indicated that it might be from the Belvedere Club in Hot Springs, AR, since some of the checks from that club say "Belvedere Club Association." However, none of the Belvedere Club chips from Hot Springs is of the same style or lettering as is **637**, and the words "Belvedere Association" do not appear on any Hot Springs chip of which the author is aware, without the word "Club" as well. No Hot Springs chips of which we are aware have the small crown rim which this check has. Although

we cannot rule out Arkansas as a possible source of this chip, we're more likely to believe that it's from a California card club. Can anyone confirm its origin?

UFC **638** is a European style engraved chip, most likely of celluloid. The initials might be FAC, FCA, CAF, CFA, ACF, or AFC. Can anyone authoritatively identify the check?

639 is another European-style chip, with embossed letters which appear to be NAC. AC might well stand for "Athletic Club," which would lead us to believe that the check was a poker game chip for a private game in a business club, but no firm identification has been made.

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UFC 640 has been attributed to a casino in Puerto Rico, and may well have been used there. It is, however, a crest and seal inlay chip manufactured by the U.S. Playing Card Co. in Cincinnati in the 1920's or 1930's. The design is identified in Dale Seymour's *Antique Gambling Chips* as PMS, and it is unlikely that the chip was manufactured specifically for a casino.

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Everybody's talking about the 1994
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Thanks to those of you who contributed answers or questions to this issue's column: Hank Boss, Todd Dingley, Walter Dirzulaitis, Robert Eisenstadt, Arelene and Gene Grossblatt, Tom Hudson, Robert Kubach, Bob Matthews, William Morgan, Allan Myers, Dottie and Dewey Reed, Eric Rosenblum, Doug Saito, Charles Sandes, and Al Zaika.

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BY: DON & JEAN (R-193 & R-190)

Two new casinos opening within 12 days and a building implosion! We couldn't miss the big bang. Armed with cameras, pistol, and body guard (Jean's Son) a quick 24 hour trip to Las Vegas was in order. Besides, we wanted to illustrate the new tokens in our Introduction rewrite that was ready for press. The assignment: finish our series of pictures on the Luxor construction, obtain pictures of the new Treasure Island, view and photograph the Dunes implosion, and, of course, pick up the new tokens. The plan: arrive at Daughters house, have an early dinner, go to a photo advantage spot for the Dunes drop, take Treasure Island and Luxor pictures and pick up tokens the next morning and leave town. Easy enough - get in and out, right - Wrong!

On the Strip the predetermined photo advantage spots were sealed off for national press and network TV, and Jean couldn't convince anyone she was just as important. Go to Plan B - Take up viewing advantage spot in Bally's Parking Lot and attempt to protect her space for four hours. The show started, an awesome sight! Click, click, click, and just as the sign was ready to be dropped the film ran out. She should have realized at that point things were not going to go well. Three hours later, finally out of traffic, and Jean was heading for a nights rest. The next morning, a new day, a fresh attitude. Elbowing her way through the masses at Treasure Island was easy, seeing the sights and taking the pictures - child's play. Discovering their token treasures - a piece of cake. Now, on to the Luxor and home as planned. That is when life changed.

Leave Spring Mountain down the strip, stop for Dunes aftermath pictures and move on. Two hours later in stop and go traffic, patience wearing thin, Jean finally arrived at the Luxor. Even finding a place to park the car was but a test of one's endurance. On to witness the spectacular and be dazzled by the splendor. Token gathering? That was when the horror began. Two days later Jean retreated home, battered and frustrated, a haggard sight.

Placing a bag of tokens in front of Don, Jean's only comment was "You figure these things out". No, this can't be true. What we thought would be a simple assignment and treasure hunt, a moment of joy, pleasure, and satisfaction had become a nightmare. It was obvious, we had to fall back and regroup. We were both going to have to return to the Luxor. The next week our snipe hunt of gigantic proportions began. Like the Excalibur tokens, the Luxor one-dollar gaming tokens are many and varied. Thank you Nevada Coin Mart! Once again, you have made the token collectors day.

Figuring out these tokens had become as big a challenge as searching for King Tutankhamen's tomb, or the actual construction of the Luxor. We found other collectors were having the same incalculable experience. Combined, everyone went through about 30,000 tokens, and all had a similar sort of disbelief and confusion. After meetings, discussions, and three trips to the Luxor, we retreated days later to home-base with our small horde. Now to begin the traditional, "organize", "classify", and "catalog". Life really hasn't been quite the same since. Jean has had to make another quick turn around, finding additional examples. She has become quite familiar with the Luxor. Did this slow us down? Heck No! Has it caused us to give up? Of course not! Have we finally solved this "great Luxor token mystery"? Nope! However, after two weeks of study, discussions, and photographs, we feel we might have come up with as simple a solution as possible in order to get a handle on the situation, and make room for the unknowns that will probably appear in the near future.

Word around Vegas says, the Luxor was to receive the Nevada Coin Mart's new "Kaleidocolor" tokens. There was a production problem, and at the last minute tokens had to be struck by various mints in order to meet the casino's opening date deadline. Current tokens are said to be temporary.

The Luxor dollar and five-dollar gaming tokens are of a soft brass color alloy, and all have the "NCM" mint marks. Mint marks appear on both the obverse and reverse sides and within the face of the token. Marks are also included in the rim lettering at three positions preceding "Luxor". They have a flat rim (Rim type 2) with incused lettering. All other imaging on a token is raised, and all are dated 1993 on the obverse. All specimens to date have been coin aligned, and all have plain edges without reeding.

Quality control range on the one-dollar Luxor tokens is from excellent to very poor. Many bad or unpolished planchets were used, which is not unique to the token industry. The quality and detail of the designs are excellent, and the better strikes have produced beautiful tokens.

Under the current production of one-dollar tokens there are three (3) definite series, with the possibility of sixteen (16) types. As of this writing there have been eleven types found by collectors. Die variations of the sixteen types would be "Beveling", "Rim", and "Mint Mark" size and positioning, which also includes variations in imaging size. There may be as many as 96 possible die variations in conjuction with the sixteen basic types. This does not include mint errors which have been located, and consist of off-center strikes, die rotations, and filled dies.

SERIES I: Hieroglyphic rings on both the obverse and reverse

SERIES II: Plain obverse and reverse with a flat surface as standard

SERIES III: Mixed with a Hieroglyphic ring on either obverse or reverse

TYPE 1 - (War) Chariot

TYPE 2 - (Queen) Nefertiti

TYPE 3 - Sphinx

TYPE 4 - (King) Tut's Mask (Tutankhamen)

DIE VARIATIONS: Wherever possible and for consistency, we have used the same variation codes established in describing the Excalibur tokens. The obverse (O) is the side with the Luxor logo and described first. The reverse (R) has the symbol used in defining the type.

MINT MARKS: Mint Marks may be high "h" or low "l" and position should be in relation to inside edge of rim and shown in combination with the mint mark size such as "h-c" (high-small), or "l-b" (low-medium mint mark).

LARGE = "a" (None found to date)
SMALL = "c"
MEDIUM = "b"
MICRO = "d" (None found to date)

RIM: Some strikes have a concave rim with finer lettering. These would be classified as "RT2c" (a flat rim with incused letters that is concave and appears to have a slight outside rim).

BEVELED SURFACES: Both Series II and III have tokens with one or both sides beveled, also some beveled surfaces have a fine double line near the rim. This will be addressed with the illustrations shown later.

MINT VARIATIONS: There may be other mint variations that will surface as additional tokens are examined. To our knowledge only the following have been found at the time of this writing.

B/P = Bad Planchet
O/C = Off Center Strike
F/D = Filled Die
R/D (___°) = Rotated Die ____°

LUXOR ONE-DOLLAR TOKENS
SERIES I
(Hieroglyphic rings on both the obverse and reverse)

OBVERSE: Common design on all types - Flat Rim (RT-2) - Coin Struck

Flat Rim (RT2)

Concave Rim (RT2c)

All Obverse tokens have small mint mark. Die fills as shown in RT2c example appear in logo letters. Rough surfaces have been found.

REVERSE: - TYPE 1 - (War) CHARIOT -

Rim Type 2-Sm.M.M.(c)

R.T.2c-Sm.M.M.(c)

Die fills have been found in the wheel rim. 10 to 90 degree die rotations have been located.

REVERSE: - TYPE 2 - (Queen) NEFERTITI

Rim Type 2-Med.M.M.(b)

R.T.2c-Med.M.M.(b)

Rough image and field found in concave rim examples. Die rotations found from 30 to 90 degrees. No die fills found.

REVERSE: - TYPE 3 - SPHINX

RT2-b-Open Neck

RT2-c-Open Neck

Five variations have been found. Some have a rough field. No die fills have been located. Open crown on right side of closed neck-small mint mark example.

LUXOR ONE-DOLLAR TOKENS - SERIES I Continued

(Hieroglyphic rings on both the obverse and reverse)

REVERSE: - TYPE 3 - SPHINX Cont.

RT2c-b-Open Neck

RT2c-c-Open Neck

RT2c-c-Closed Neck

REVERSE: - TYPE 4 - (King) TUT'S MASK (Tutankhamen)

RT2-c-Closed Crown

RT2-c-Open Crown Upper Right Corner

No concave rims or die rotations have been found for this type to date.

SERIES II

(Plain field without hieroglyphics on obverse and reverse)

OBVERSE: Common design on all types - Flat Rim - Coin Aligned - High M.M.

RT2-c-Flat Field

RT2-c-FF-Open "U"

RT2-c-FF-Die Fill

RT2-c-Beveled Field

RT2-c-Beveled with Rings

All Obverse tokens have small high mint mark. Die fills as shown in example appear primarily in Type 2 (Nefertiti) tokens.

LUXOR ONE-DOLLAR TOKENS - SERIES II Continued

(Plain field without hieroglyphics on obverse and reverse)

OBVERSE Cont:

RT2c-c-Beveled Field

RT2c-c-Beveled with Flo Marks

All concave rims have weak thin lettering. All have high small mint marks. Die fills have been found and are common in design lettering.

REVERSE: - TYPE 1 - (War) CHARIOT

RT2c-c-Beveled Field

RT2c-c-BF with Flo Marks

All examples found are beveled, have weak thin lettering, small low mint marks. No apparent die rotations or die fills were found

REVERSE: - TYPE 2 - (Queen) NEFERTITI

RT2-Med M.M.(b)

RT2c-b

RT2c-b-with Rings

All examples are beveled. No die fills. Note crown tops on ringed example.

REVERSE: - TYPE 3 - SPHINX

RT2-1c-FF-Open Neck

RT2-hc-FF-ON-Dot on Chin

Enlarged to show DOT and Open Neckline

LUXOR ONE-DOLLAR TOKENS - SERIES II Continued

(Plain field without hieroglyphics on obverse and reverse)

REVERSE: - TYPE 3 - SPHINX Cont.

RT2-1c-Beveled with Rings-Open Neck

RT2c-1c-Beveled with Rings

REVERSE: - TYPE 4 - (King) TUT'S MASK (Tutankhamen)

RT2-1b-Flat Field

Of the four types of Series II tokens this type is the least common. All strikes found were of high quality with polished planchets. No die variations, fills or rotations were found. Mint marks are low, and no beveled examples were located.

SERIES III

(Mixed with Hieroglyphic ring on either obverse or reverse)

Since this series is a mix of series I & II we feel a sub-series breakdown is necessary for identification purposes and have assigned the following:

Series III: Will have a Hieroglyphic Ring on the Obverse as in Series I.
Series IIIA: Will have a Plain Field on the Obverse as in Series II.

There are at this time three known examples of tokens in this series. The most common is illustrated. The other specimens found are in Series IIIA, Type 2 and 3.

O-TP-3-RT2-c-FF

R-TP-3-RT2-1c-FF-Open Neck

At this time there are only two (2) variations of the five-dollar token known to exist, and no variations of the twenty-five dollar or hundred-dollar tokens have been found.

SERIES I - FIVE-DOLLAR TOKEN - There is some discussion as to whether this figure is a Goddess or Queen. Due to the queen's crown and heavy eye make-up we are inclined to believe this is Cleopatra, the last queen of Egypt. Both types have medium mint marks. Note the 90° Hieroglyphic rotations. Type 1 has a very fine line image with one arm line. Type 2 has two arm lines.

O-TP1-RT2-b R-TP1-RT2-b-One Arm O-TP2-RT2-b R-TP2-RT2-b-Two Arms

SERIES I - TWENTY-FIVE AND ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR TOKENS - The twenty-five dollar token is coin aligned, has small (c) mint marks, is not hallmarked with fineness value. It has a flat rim (RT2) without reeding, is silver in color, has a polished field with the rim and Nefertiti image frosted.

The one-hundred dollar token is medallic aligned, has small mint marks, is not hallmarked with fineness value. It has a flat RT2 rim without reeding. The token is a one piece gold colored planchet with a silvered rim surface. It has King Tut's image with a gold colored frosted finish, and is very light in weight.

O-RT2-c $25.00 R-RT2-c O-RT2-c $100.00 R-RT2-c

The above only illustrates tokens found at the time of this writing. Other variations will probably surface in the future. We hope to have provided guidelines for all classifications that will be revealed. We must thank and mention, the long hours and efforts put into the token and information search by the following collectors: Earl Donley, Vincent Mowrey, Marc Weiser, Wayne Sones, Phil Jensen, Frank Mantell, and Janice O'Neil. Without their input we would not have been able to provide the above information.

DON & JEAN (R-193 & R-190)

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY NEWS REPORT

By Clyde Massaro R-958

The Colorado Chapter of CC&GTCC held it's 1st Annual Holiday Party at Lady Luck Casino's Burgandy Grille, in Central City. The bus ride up was free, each participant received a free T Shirt, Cap, Key Chain, drinks and assorted other goodies. The Menu included such finery as Escargot, Scampi, 24 Oz. Prime Rib, and Swordfish. The food was excellent, the decor superb, and the service remarkable. One super waitress kept all 28 attendees satisfied. Several not seen before Colorado members were there and we had a good time. Only $9.95 each person.
Colorado Central Station in Black Hawk will be the largest casino in Colorado so far. They are working around the clock trying to open December 15th. The Gilpin Hotel issued a 1st year anniversary $5 Chipco chip, dated October 1, 1993.
Turp's was bought and has a public notice in the front window applying for a license under the name "Legends of the West".
The Glory Hole in Central City will change it's name and chips around 12/26/93 and will be Harrah's Central City and the Horseshoe in Black Hawk is also suppose to open December and be called Harrah's Black Hawk. (We'll see.)
Dillon's Double Eagle is closed and will become the Central City Police Station and Jail, according to owner Don Orban.
The Famous Bonanza pulled out their Black Jack tables and Doc Holliday's has expanded and opened a Taco Bell on the 3rd floor of what was "H.A.W. Tabor's". They have $5 tokens now.
The "Fire House" (next to Dillon's) have $1 & $5 tokens only. They opened Saturday, November 6, 1993. It's a two man operation with about twenty slots and video poker machines. They don't have a $5 slot yet, but do sell the $5 tokens.
Construction is under way for the Gold Rush in Central City, Mountain City will be Harvey's Wagon Wheel with a facade of 11 store fronts, with 125 guest rooms, dancing, food, etc. A large parking garage will be under the casino.
It is rumored Baby Doe's will expand into the closed Silver Slipper area. Black Hawk Station will have $5 Chipcos by Jan.
Bullwackers in Central City is closed for remodeling. They are going to add 30 more slot machines on the first floor.
The Nitro Club was taking applications again but nothing yet.
Construction continues at 101 Mainstreet in Black Hawk.
Ground breaking or should I say mountain moving is under way for the Lucky Penny Casino to be built across the creek from the Red Dolly Casino. The sign says open fall 1994. Looks like Red Dolly is expanding as well. Since the tax rates were lowered, things are picking up again.
Johnny Nolans in Cripple Creek is building a small hotel on the block behind their casino and will have a mine train run under ground to connect the two. Creekers is gone.
The Golden Rose and Glory Hole have a $28 Gold Plated Silver token slot machine. I have found three variations so far.

Sara Fisk resigned her secretary post and was replaced by "Q" Richard Quagliato. We are hoping to begin a local newsletter.

That's it for this month, see you at the convention. ~\CC/~

'COLORADO HAPPENINGS'

By Clyde Messaro R-958

"Colorado Central Station" in Black Hawk will be the largest casino in Colorado so far. The rumor is that they want to open December 15th.

"Turp's" was bought and may reopen with the same name due to the historical value since the 1860's of "Turp's Hardware & Leather". The "Horseshoe" in Black Hawk is rumored to be renamed "Harrah's Horseshoe". I am not sure if they are still in on the "Glory Hole" in Central City. They are supposed to open in December. The "Famous Bonanza" pulled out their Black Jack table.... again. "Doc Holliday's" has opened a Taco Bell on the third floor of the space that was "H.A.W. Tabor's" before.

"Dillon's Double Eagle" is closed and for sale. The "Fire House" (next to Dillon's) have $1 & $5 tokens only. They opened on Saturday, November 6, 1993. It's a two man operation with about twenty slots and video poker machines. They don't have a $5 slot yet, but do sell the tokens. Everything from the inside of the "Nitro Club" is presently being removed.

Construction is back on for the "Gold Rush" and "Mountain City", both of which are in Central City. "Mountain City" has a 250 foot crane set up and is going to have 150 guest rooms, dancing, food, etc. Harvey's from Lake Tahoe is the owner company.

Digger, a manager at "Baby Doe's", has said that they are going to expand into the former "Silver Slipper" area.

I have not heard anything about "101 Mainstreet" in Black Hawk.

By the time you read this, a Lunch and Chip & Token swap meet will have taken place from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on December 4th at the Denny's located at 6th & Simms. We had a secure private room with no windows.

Members of our "Colorado Chapter" of the CC&GTCC have booked two tables for the April Convention at the Aladdin Hotel Casino in Las Vegas. We hope to see many of you there.

Please report any Colorado casino related news to Clyde at (303) 665-7629 or (303) 666-4148.

Happy collecting,

'THE TEN RAREST COLORADO CHIPS'

By Bob Gaarder R-304

It has now been over two years since the first Colorado casino opened its doors, enough time for several rarities to develop. The following are (in my opinion) the rarest of the rare.

1. WILD CARD CASINO Royal Flush Saloon $1 & $5; Black Hawk, Colorado. The Wild Card was one of the original casinos in Black Hawk. It opened on October 1, 1991 as a slot only establishment. They had plans to enlarge and to include a card room, however they sold to Bronco Billy's before the chips were made. Only one sample pair exists, they are both notched or cancelled. One could make the argument that as it was never placed in use, it is not a legitimate Colorado chip. I choose to list them as the #1 rarities.

2. RICHMAN CASINO Black Hawk, Colorado $1. Many collectors do not even know that this chip exists. It is given out by the management of the Richman Casino to V.I.P.'s only and used for identification for private gatherings and for free drinks. This is another issue which is not used on the tables. Collectors can not buy this chip.

3. GOLD STAR Central City, Colorado $1 & $5. The Gold Star opened its doors in September of 1992. It was only open for about two weeks. Very few of these chips got out. The remaining chips should have been destroyed after 120 days, according to Colorado Gaming law.

4. GOLD RUSH Cripple Creek, Colorado $1. The Gold Rush management pulled these chips out of circulation after only one day of use. They can account for all specimens except for 43. 'Nuff Said!

5. GREGORY STREET Black Hawk, Colorado $1. This chip was also an issue of just 100 chips. Most of these went to owners and employees. A great design by CHIPCO adds to its desireability.

6. TELLER HOUSE Central City, Colorado. First Anniversary special $5 Issue. This chip was available during the month of October, 1992 only. The remainders after that date were destroyed. They were gone before some collectors knew that they had even been issued!

7. CLAIM JUMPER Black Hawk, Colorado $5.
The Claim Jumper opened in the fall of 1992. It was a small obscure casino which closed after only a few months of operation. The remaining chips, one of the few non-CHIPCO Colorado issues, should have been destroyed by now.

8. MINERS PICK Central City, Colorado $1 & $5.
This casino closed after a few months of operation. It was a nice little place, but a little off the beaten path. The chip was a CHIPCO masterpiece, with the "Miners Pick" having a double meaning.

9. INDEPENDENCE HOTEL & CASINO Cripple Creek, $5.
The Independence closed their card room when the same owners opened another larger casino; the Maverick, two blocks away. This caught a lot of collectors by surprise, there were not enough out there to go around. Another non-CHIPCO issue.

10. ORE HOUSE Cripple Creek, Colorado. $1 & $5.
The Ore House was one of the original Colorado casinos. It opened it's doors on October 1, 1991. The management soon learned that the name Ore House had been registered to someone else. They had the choice to pay for the use of the name, or to re-name it. They chose the later, and re-named the casino Lucky Lola's. These very nice CHIPCO's became Colorado's first obsolete chips. The chips which remained after the name changeover have all been destroyed.

Well, there you have it. How does my list compare with your top 10? I would also like to list two chips which may be considered rare by some, but not by me.

SILVER PALACE $5. There is a Silver Palace in Cripple Creek which has the same logo on its $1 slot tokens. This casino has never used chips. The chip in question surfaced in Las Vegas and does not have Cripple Creek printed on it. No city is designated on the chip. It has been offered for sale as a Cripple Creek item and at a relatively high price. It is a H&C product.

GOLDEN EAGLE $5. The Golden Eagle building is located in Cripple Creek next to the Aspen Mine. The casino never opened. In fact, the building was abandoned before construction was completed. It has never been a licensed casino. These chips again surfaced in Las Vegas. It too has a H&C mold.

I should also include the very collectible error chips from the Bowl Of Gold in Cripple Creek (now closed). There are eight known with the Bowl of Gold logo on both sides and five known with the Walking Liberty design on both sides. A Colorado chip collection is really not complete without them.

'TRAVELLIN' WITH THE SANDERSONS'

By Arthur Sanderson R-171

"DO A VACATION"

Both of our daughters, who have been deeply involved in the medical profession for the past ten years, were in need of some well deserved relaxation. With little hesitation they agreed to devote a weekend and a day from work (if it would make Mother and Dad happy) and as they said, "DO A VACATION". There wasn't any argument when I suggested visiting the dockside casinos on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Diann promised not to cause any trouble. Remember.... she lost her return flight ticket when we took her to Las Vegas four years ago? (Casino Chip & Token News, Vol.3, #3).

From where we live in Georgia, it's about 400 miles, or seven hours driving time, which ever comes first, to Biloxi, MS. There's plenty of sleep time space if you reserve in advance. Food choices are great with one place offering a seafood buffet 24 hours a day. The Gulf Coast has always been a resort area. The girls are anxious to hit the "21" tables and use their new found knowledge of the "Basic Strategy Card". They've been coached by a master. I split aces and eights... all that technical stuff. Even count cards... there are 52 in a deck, after you remove the jokers.

Our first stop is "The Isle Of Capri". They started with the two ladies... Emerald and Diamond... from Iowa. (That's right Diann, you only split fours if the dealer shows a five.) They soon replaced the paddle wheelers with much larger barges.

"Casino Magic" is next. Its architectural design is odd, makes me think of a hamster cage for elephants. (Right Bonnie, you double down on 10, if the dealer shows a 2 to 9.) There is another Casino Magic about 14 miles West in Bay Saint Louis, (NO! You never split ten count cards) we'll go over there later.

Now it's the "Biloxi Belle. There's going to be another Biloxi Belle in Tunica (Yess Diann, you stay on anything from 17 to 21) that is now under construction and should open soon.

Here's the "President". It was the first casino to open in the State of Mississippi. (You're right Bonnie, you never split fives.) It's a whole new boat... not the one from Iowa.

Further on, about six miles, is Gulfport. There on the left is "Marine Life". That's where Donald Trump is planning a 45 million dollar 35,000 square foot casino. Here's the "Copa", (yes you stay on 12 if the dealer shows a 4, 5, or 6). Their opening was delayed a few months but they are going strong now.

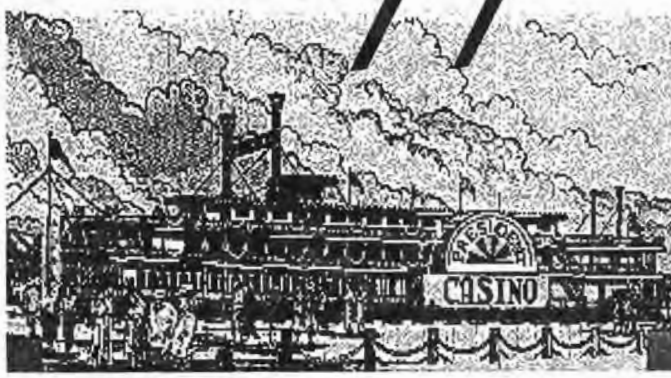
Next door is the "Grand Casino" with its 90,000 square feet of gaming space. (Bonnie, you forgot to double down on 9 when the dealer shows from 2 to 6.) There's another Grand Casino under construction in Biloxi. It's going to be even larger.

We won't go to Bay St. Louis until tomorrow. (You both broke even? I dropped a couple of hundred, but I wasn't paying attention. Of course your Mother won. She had to... she's the one who taught you.)

LOCATION AND STATUS OF DOCKSIDE CASINOS IN *Mississippi*

As noted by the "Traveling Sandersons"

November 1, 1993



ON THE MISSISSIPPI **RIVER**

17	**SPLASH**	**OPEN**	25	*LV CASINO*	*PLANNING*
18	BALLY'S	BUILDING	26	POT OF GOLD	BUILDING
19	BILOXI BELLE	BUILDING	27	**ISLE OF CAPRI**	**OPEN**
20	LADY LUCK	BUILDING	28	HARRAH'S	BUILDING
21	LARK LANDING	BUILDING	29	DELTA POINT	BUILDING
22	KING'S LANDING	BUILDING	30	JUBILEE	BUILDING
23	*LADY LUCK*	*PLANNING*	31	**LADY LUCK**	**OPEN**
24	COTTON CLUB	BUILDING			

ON THE MISSISSIPPI **GULF**

1	PALACE	BUILDING	9	**PRESIDENT**	**OPEN**
2	**ISLE OF CAPRI**	**OPEN**	10	*DONALD TRUMP*	*PLANNING*
3	**CASINO MAGIC**	**OPEN**	11	**COPA**	**OPEN**
4	GRAND CASINO	BUILDING	12	**GRAND CASINO**	**OPEN**
5	LADY LUCK	BUILDING	13	**CASINO MAGIC**	**OPEN**
6	GOLD COAST	BUILDING	14	*MS LANDING*	*PLANNING*
7	**BILOXI BELLE**	**OPEN**	15	JUBILEE	BUILDING
8	TREASURE BAY	BUILDING	16	NO NAME YET	BUILDING

MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST

'TURNING STONE CASINO'

By Fred 'Doc' Hammes R-1070

Since Turning Stone, the first New York State casino, is in my neighborhood, I felt it would be my pleasure to share some facts with our club members.

All the major table games are available..... roulette, 21, craps, baccarat, and all the associated games such as; money wheel, red dog, mini-baccarat, chuck-a-luck, and pai gow poker. There are no slots as of yet, but many feel that they will be here in six to ten months, or less. In a way, it is quieter without the slots and casino people say if they do come, they will be a distance away from the other games, so as not to be so noisy.

The Turning Stone Casino is owned by the Oneida Indians, who have a long history of fighting along side of General George Washington at Valley Forge and in other battles. The Oneidas were promised in a treaty that they would be secure in possession of their land and are therefore an independent nation. They have a proud history of helping America becoming free.

Turning Stone is located between Utica and Syracuse.... both have airports, rail and bus access. Also, it is right on the New York State Thruway at Exit 33 in Verona, New York. Get off the Thruway and go around the corner and you are at the casino. There is a fine gift shop, tax-free cigarettes, a buffet and restaurant, coffee shops and beautiful T-shirts, etc. There is no alcohol served (but that may change) therefore 18 year olds are allowed in. The dress code is liberal and sneakers and casual clothing is allowed.

The chips leave something to be desired. I am hoping to influence them to put Indian figures and Indian art on their chips. No slot machines are in operation at this time, so there are no metal tokens presently for token collectors.

The area is rich in history and lots of places to visit... especially large shopping malls in nearby Utica and Syracuse. There are numerous economical motels in the area and I hope that some of you can visit us some time. Any club member is welcome to write.... or call me around 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. or between 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

'THE PREMIUM GAMING TOKENS'

By Earl Donley R-380

The $2 Premium Tokens that we wrote about in the last issue of the club magazine are finally becoming a reality. The first set of seven tokens will be put into play at the Aladdin Hotel Casino in late January. They will be called "The World's 7 Wonders" and will be manufactured in bright yellow brass.

We hope that all of you token collectors managed to obtain one of the $10 Las Vegas Circus-Circus tokens that had the Reno Clown logo on it. As soon as Circus-Circus found out about the error, new tokens were manufactured showing the correct clown and the old tokens were destroyed. The error tokens were in play for only 3 weeks.

The $7 machines at the Stardust Hotel have been removed. After a lot of investigating we have found that the Type-8 Stardust token was never put into play. We have since deleted that token from our list.

We are presently awaiting final approval for new tokens for the Fremont, Excalibur, Colorado Belle, Rio, Bally's Sam's Town, and Whiskey Pete's in the next three months. We will add these to our monthly update as more information becomes available. For a complete list that includes the Colorado Premium Tokens and all the Premium tokens that are known to exist, please send a SASE to; Premium Gaming Token List P.O. Box 80572, Las Vegas, NV 89180.

The updated listing which follows this article only reflects the tokens that have been added during the last three months.

NEW PREMIUM GAMING TOKENS SINCE SEPTEMBER, 1993

NAME	CITY	STATE	TYPE	DESIGN	ADD.INFO	MINT	VALUE	METAL	IN PLAY
ALADDIN	LV	NEV	10.	PARTHENON	WORLD'S 7 WONDERS	LM	2.00	Y.BRASS	01. .94
		NEV	11.	SPHINX	WORLD'S 7 WONDERS	LM	2.00	Y.BRASS	01. .94
		NEV	12.	TAJ MAHAL	WORLD'S 7 WONDERS	LM	2.00	Y.BRASS	01. .94
		NEV	5.	SINBAD (2)	SHARP, ENHANCED IMAGE .65	CT	7.00	SILVER	09.15.93
		NEV	6.	EIFFEL TOWER	WORLD'S 7 WONDERS	LM	2.00	Y.BRASS	01. .94
		NEV	7.	EMPIRE ST.BLDG.	WORLD'S 7 WONDERS	LM	2.00	Y.BRASS	01. .94
		NEV	8.	GREAT WALL CHINA	WORLD'S 7 WONDERS	LM	2.00	Y.BRASS	01. .94
		NEV	9.	ROMAN COLISEUM	WORLD'S 7 WONDERS	LM	2.00	Y.BRASS	01. .94
AMERICAN WILDLIFE		COLO	1.	BUFFALO	.. FOUR GENERIC TOKENS	(LM)	(7.00)	SILVER	09. 93
		COLO	2.	DEER	.. THAT HAVE BEEN USED	(LM)	(7.00)	SILVER	09. .93
		COLO	3.	EAGLE	.. IN COLORADO	(LM)	(7.00)	SILVER	09. 93
		COLO	4.	HORSES	..	(LM)	(7.00)	SILVER	09. 93
CALIFORNIA HOTEL	LV	NEV	7.	MOLIKAI	FATHER DAMIANS CHURCH	CT	7.00	SILVER	10.15.93
CIRCUS CIRCUS	LV	NEV	4.	GRAND SLAM	L.V. CLOWN / TYRANNOSAURUS	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.08.93
COMSTOCK	RENO	NEV	4.	PONY EXPRESS		CT	7.00	SILVER	11.15.93
FIRST COLO. GOLDRUSH	*	COLO	1.	FED. EAGLE	* GENERIC COLORADO	(LM)	(28.00)	GLD/SIL	10.01.93
FLAMINGO HILTON	LV	NEV	1.	BLDG."1946"	OLD LOGO	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	12.10.93
		NEV	2.	BLDG."1994"	NEW LOGO	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	12.10.93
	RENO	NEV	3.		LG. BIRD LOGO ON OBV.		7.00	SILVER	11.10.93
FOXWOODS	LEDYARD	CONN	1.	BUFFALO	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	( )	7.00	SILVER	11. .93
		CONN	2.	DEER	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	( )	7.00	SILVER	11. .93
		CONN	3.	EAGLE	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	( )	7.00	SILVER	11. .93
		CONN	4.	HORSES	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	( )	7.00	SILVER	11. .93
		CONN	5.	BUFFALO	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	( )	28.00	GLD/SIL	11. .93
		CONN	6.	DEER	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	( )	28.00	GLD/SIL	11. .93
		CONN	7.	EAGLE	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	( )	28.00	GLD/SIL	11. .93
		CONN	8.	HORSES	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	( )	28.00	GLD/SIL	11. .93
HILTON	LV	NEV	1.	ELECTRA	STARLIGHT EXPRESS	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	09.18.93
		NEV	2.	GREASEBALL	STARLIGHT EXPRESS	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	09.18.93
		NEV	3.	PEARL	STARLIGHT EXPRESS	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	09.18.93
		NEV	4.	RUSTY	STARLIGHT EXPRESS	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	09.18.93
		NEV	5.	DINAH	STARLIGHT EXPRESS	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.01.93
		NEV	6.	NINTENDO	STARLIGHT EXPRESS	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.20.92
HISTORIC BLACK HILLS	DEADWOOD	S.D.	1.	CALAMITY JANE	SMALL HEAD	( )	(7.00)	SILVER	
		S.D.	2.	DEADWOOD DICK	SMALL HEAD	( )	(7.00)	SILVER	
		S.D.	3.	POKER ALICE	SMALL HEAD	( )	(7.00)	SILVER	
		S.D.	4.	WILD BILL HICKOK	SMALL HEAD	( )	(7.00)	SILVER	
		S.D.	5.	CALAMITY JANE	LARGE HEAD	( )	(7.00)	SILVER	
		S.D.	6.	DEADWOOD DICK	LARGE HEAD	( )	(7.00)	SILVER	
		S.D.	7.	POKER ALICE	LARGE HEAD	( )	(7.00)	SILVER	
		S.D.	8.	WILD BILL HICKOK	LARGE HEAD	( )	(7.00)	SILVER	
LUXURY CRUISE		*	1.	ISLAND PARADISE	.. USED ON BOTH THE		7.00	SILVER	
		*	2.	PROUD PIRATES	.. CARNIVAL AND THE		7.00	SILVER	
		*	3.	RUM RUNNERS	.. ROYAL CABRIBEAN		7.00	SILVER	
		*	4.	SUNKEN TREASURE	.. CRUISE LINES		7.00	SILVER	
RIVIERA	LV	NEV	1.	CRAZY GIRLS		CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.18.93
		NEV	2.	IMPROV		CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.18.93
		NEV	3.	LA CAGE		CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.18.93
		NEV	4.	SPLASH		CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.18.93
SIERRA SIDS	SPKS	NEV	1.	INTERNATIONAL	"INTERNATIONAL TRUCKS"	CT	7.00	SILVER	11.12.93
		NEV	2.	KENWORTH	"KENWORTH TRUCKS"	CT	7.00	SILVER	11.12.93
SILVER STRIKE SAMPLE	NLV	NEV	2.THIN	TRAIN	FILLED IN ARCHES	CT	NCV	ALUM.	

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TELLER HOUSE	CNCY	COLO	5.	BUFFALO	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	(LM)	(7.00)	SILVER	10.01.93
		COLO	6.	DEER	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	(LM)	(7.00)	SILVER	10.01.93
		COLO	7.	EAGLE	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	(LM)	(7.00)	SILVER	10.01.93
		COLO	8.	HORSES	AMERICAN WILDLIFE SERIES	(LM)	(7.00)	SILVER	10.01.93
TREASURE ISLAND	LV	NEV	1.	PARROT		CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	10.27.93
WESTWARD HO	LV	NEV	1.	HAT & GLOVES	"PUTTIN'ON THE RITZ"	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.01.93
		NEV	2.	PALM TREE	"HO-WAIIAN LUAU"	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.01.93
		NEV	3.	TRIANGLE	"GRUBSTAKE JAMBOREE"	CT	10.00	GLD/SIL	11.01.93

'LET'S TALK TOKENS (UGLY)'

By Dave Harvey R-182

Now ugly is a strong word. However, some tokens are just plain ugly. Maybe there are budget limits, that dictate how much time and effort can go into the design and production of our gaming tokens. Note the Caesars token, photo #1; the line drawing of the famous couch scene.... ugly! See "CHIP & TOKENS NEWS VOL. 5, #3 page 30 for the original. Speaking of line drawings; see photo #2, the Jack Ass on Molly's token, pretty ugly! Now hang on.... we are really going to get ugly!! Photo #3; Casino Magic. What can I say? And how about photo #4; Holy Cow. Is that the south end of a northbound cow?? Wow!!

Why does it seem that some token engravers have so much trouble with portraits? Photos 5, 6, 7 are good examples of these ugly portraits. If I was Don Laughlin, or Debbie Reynolds, I surely would reject these. Photo #8..... I don't know what happened here but this token certainly is ugly! Maybe they ran out of time and went into production half done?

Now if this club had a vote on the ugliest token ever, I would surely vote for photo #9.

I don't know who these four guys are, but they have not even a close likeness with the fellas on Mount Rushmore. Let's call this one "double ugly".

As you recall, the participation in last years (1992) election for chip and token of the year was very small. Archie said that the club was considering dropping this event. In defense of this event, maybe some of the newer members were not familiar with some of the nominees.

(Editor's Note: Nominations form for 1993 "Chip & Token Of The Year" is enclosed with this issue of the magazine. Please take the time to respond. Only those who submit a nomination for a chip or token will automatically serve on the "Election Committee" and only those members will receive a ballot to choose the winners.)

Here for what it is worth are two tokens (photos #10 & #11) that I plan to nominate "Token Of The Year" if we have this event for 1993. Photo #10 is the five dollar Hacienda token and photo #11 is the one dollar Mesquaki Bingo/Casino from Tama, Iowa.

What nice examples of token art!

Thanks also for all the letters (2) pointing out that I know nothing about Western history (see Casino Chip & Token News Vol 6, #3). At least somebody is reading this stuff. Special thanks to Robert Gaarder from Colorado for his nice words.
Till next time, Happy Collecting, Dave.

NEW CASINO OPENINGS COMING

By the end of summer '93, Debbie Reynold's "Hollywood Hotel, Casino & Movie Museum" will have opened. This past fall, in October, November, and December, several new properties came on line..... and others were demolished. Grand Slam Canyon, next to Circus Circus, opened in late summer. Luxor, the pyramid shaped 2,526 room hotel casino with a ten-story sphinx guarding the front entrance, opened in mid-October; followed in a few weeks was Treasure Island on October 27th. Also on the 27th, a "precision blast" of 400 pounds of dynamite took down the Dunes, on the same day Treasure Island opened..... and then the huge MGM Grand has announced its opening for December 18th, three months ahead of schedule.

When the new MGM opens it will be the largest hotel on earth with 5,009 rooms and a world's record 171,500 sqare foot casino! According to "NEVADA MAGAZINE", Las Vegas will have 10 of the world's 12 biggest resort hotels. Treasure Island will be the 7th, Luxor the 12th, bringing the city's total rooms to more than 86,500!

Meanwhile, in downtown Reno, "Project C", a proposed 16th century Spanish seaport on the Island of Atlantis, will boast 2,000 rooms by the Spring of 1995. The project is a joint venture sponsored by Circus Circus and the Eldorado Hotel.

CLUBS IN LISBON ON THE TWENTIES

By Carlos Pascoal - R-724

The economic development in the most industrialized countries as from the 1st World War has radically altered their way of living.
It was the age of habits' liberation, with the consequent increase of amusement places. One lived the crazy twenties, with its jazz, its fox-trot, coming from United States, a major power at the time, so well received by every european capital cities.
The immediate consequence of this new imported way of living was no doubt the appearance of night clubs, places of unruled and wild pleasure, with their jazz bands, alchool and drugs consumption, as well as prostitution and illegal gambling.
It was the age of War Time Prohibition Act in the USA, the bootleggers and the gangster actions connected with night clubs exploitation and gambling.
Lisbon was no exception to the above. The inflaction period people had to face during the war, along with the ever growing black market, speculations and monopolization, led to fast money makers fortunes, and to a "nouveau riche" class, quite lavisher and avid of fun.

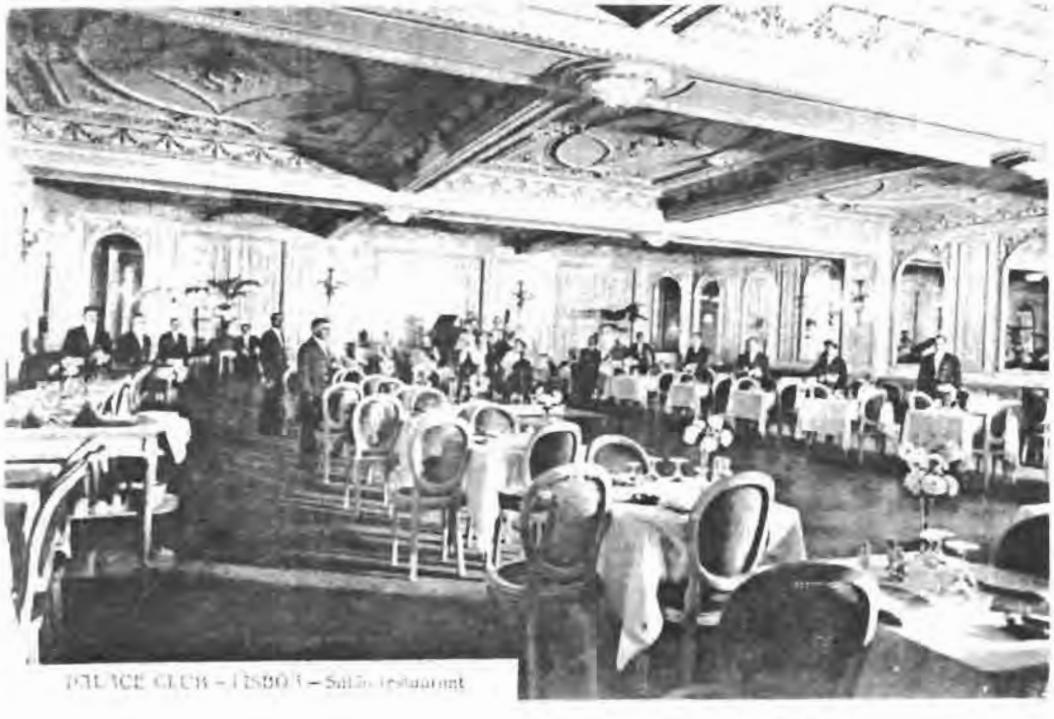
MAJESTIC CLUB

In 1915 the first cabaret opened its doors in Lisbon, being at the same time a Casino and a dancing club.
According to some opinions of that time :"During the tormenting period of 1st World War, Lisbon usually so pacific and quiet, became a city of fun and unruled pleasure. Some magnificent and luxurious Casinos were opened, where fortunes changed hands every night at a game table. In order to enable less affortunate classes to enjoy the gambling vice , some less magnificent fun houses were also opened, where people of less economic ressources and more modest, left their small savings and short salaries.

The gambling managers were becoming richer and richer, with no benefits arising from their illicit profits and actions.
Some even went to the police department, which closed its eyes to this illegal industry in exchange of some special favours and monthly allowances. Shameless, no doubt!!"
Several clubs were established down town, the most commercial and most social life area of the capital, some of which in luxurious palaces.
The night clubs with mere profit aims, with dancing, gambling, restaurant and shows , had great installations with smoking living-rooms, living-rooms, party rooms, restaurant and dancing rooms, billiard and other several games rooms. They had everything money could buy... even manicure and barber shops.
In this group of night clubs, one could comprise : REGALEIRA CLUB, Restauradores Club - MAXIM's, CLUB DOS PATOS, PALAIS ROYAL, RITZ CLUB, BRISTOL CLUB DE LISBOA, CLUBE INTERNACIONAL, MAJESTIC CLUB (named CLUB MONUMENTAL later on), OLIMPIA CLUB, PALACE CLUB, ROCIO CLUB, CLUB MAYER, CLUBE AVENIDA PARQUE(successor of Club Mayer), CLUB MONTANHA, CLUBE DAS AVENIDAS, CLUB MODERNO, RATO CLUB, INDIA CLUB, MOULIN ROUGE, CLUBE CENTRAL, SALÃO ALHAMBRA and RECREIO CLUB.
Other clubs with other aims besides money, namely sports, culture, political, artistic and recreation purposes, did not offer great resistance for too long and were fastly and suddenly absorved by this crazy wave, culminating with the opening of new gambling and dancing houses, such as follows :
CLUBE RECREATIVO ALIANÇA, CLUBE RECREATIVO POPULAR, CLUBE RECREATIVO INTERNACIONAL, CLUBE RECREATIVO UNIÃO FAMILIAR, CLUBE 31 DE JANEIRO, CINE 31 DE JANEIRO, GRÉMIO LITERÁRIO, GRÉMIO PORTUGUÊS, CLUBE TAUROMÁTICO, CLUBE DE RECREIO ARTÍSTICO, SPORTING CLUBE DE LISBOA and TURF CLUB.

MAJESTIC CLUB - Gambling Room

In these clubs, one could also play billiard, and several games, such as : mah-jong, king and bridge. Although quite popular , these games could not compete with the roulette, baccarat and french table, much appreciated by the gamblers.
In each and every club, most of them registered as restaurants, gambling appeared disguised with their appearent activities. It is worthwhile mentioning this only became possible due to local authorities' complicity.
Therefore, and according to press and literature of the time : " In just a few seconds, a roulette gambling house was suddenly transformed in the most neat and harmless dancing room, where even the orchestra was present, playing a tango.
One could also read : "The camouflage capacity of gambling managers of these clubs was always associated to a certain corruption and a certain complicity from local police authorities..i.e., when a civil platoon was prepared to act, the gamblers godfathers, thus being very well paid to do it, immediately gave a quick phone call and the aimed club and gambling houses were immediately set in stand-by position, waiting for the first cop looking guy ...."
Nevertheless, some government members as well as some media (others were a constant and assiduous presence), fiercely defended campaigns against gambling, which led to some police activity. Consequently, there were some repressive times mainly in 1920, 1925, 1926 and 1927 which failed however to put an end to this gambling vice.



POLICE CLUB - LISBON - Salão restaurant

This was only achieved in late 1927 with gambling regulations, defining specific gambling areas for gambling concession (namely some thermal and beach zones, and no longer in the cities), together with the consequent repression arising thereof.
Finally, in the late twenties, a wild and crazy decade, most clubs closed their doors to the public, once no longer existed their most attractive source of rentability.

PALAIS ROYAL

Was installed at 3, Avenida da Liberdade, very near to Maxim's, between 1920 and 1923.

AVENIDA DA LIBERDADE, 3 — LISBOA

PALACE CLUB

This magnificent club was installed at 89, Rua Eugénio dos Santos, between 1911 and 1920 (presently Rua das Portas de Santo Antão).

PALACE CLUB – LISBOA – Cabiers

CLUB DOS RESTAURADORES - MAXIM'S

MAXIM'S CLUB DOS RESTAURADORES
LISBOA – PORTUGAL

This gambling club was opened in Palácio Foz at 43,Praça dos Restauradores, with an opening prior to 1913 and a closure after 1930.

According to opinions of that time : " From all clubs existing in Lisbon, Maxim's is no doubt the one arousing more enthousiasm, due to its constant and most brilliant appearing attractives, a spectacular competition ...., its rooms and halls are absolutely amazing ....,as from their sumptuous staircases up to its magnificent reading room, everything is surrounded with the most finest art, one can breath art everywhere.....,along the several walls, one can easily find paintings from the most remarkable painters , and statuets standing where they are least expected. Everything in this Club is beautiful, outstanding, magnificent... the very best made abroad, Maxim's will hire loking to no expenses to include it in its shows. In its variety program there is always colossal variety performances, singers and dancers preceeding great names of show business. Its orchestras comprise the most skilled and finest artists of the time ..."

REGALEIRA CLUB

This luxurious club was established at 14, Largo de S. Domingos, in Regaleira's Palace. It was opened between 1920 and 1922.

TOKENS

Most of these gambling houses coined their own tokens, some of them having only a facial value, as well as club initials, others with their owner initials and facial value as well.

When comparing these initials with the list of existing clubs, one could be tempted, although merely in a speculative way, to attribute tokens to the several clubs, which we neglect as it is an uncertain data.

There are other manufacturing units, mostly more rough, sometimes even made over coins, punctured initials and value, most of them used in more modest illegal gambling houses.

The currency in Portugal during monarchy was REIS.

With the Republic implantation in 1910, the portuguese currency became ESCUDO, instead of ancient REIS.

So,

1 Escudo = 100 Centavos = 1000 Reis

Some years after 1910, the word REIS was still commonly used.

Therefore, every token with a valueof 1000, 500 or 200, corresponded to 1 Escudo, 50 Centavos or 20 Centavos, respectively.

We are reproducing below some of the tokens mentioned hereinabove.

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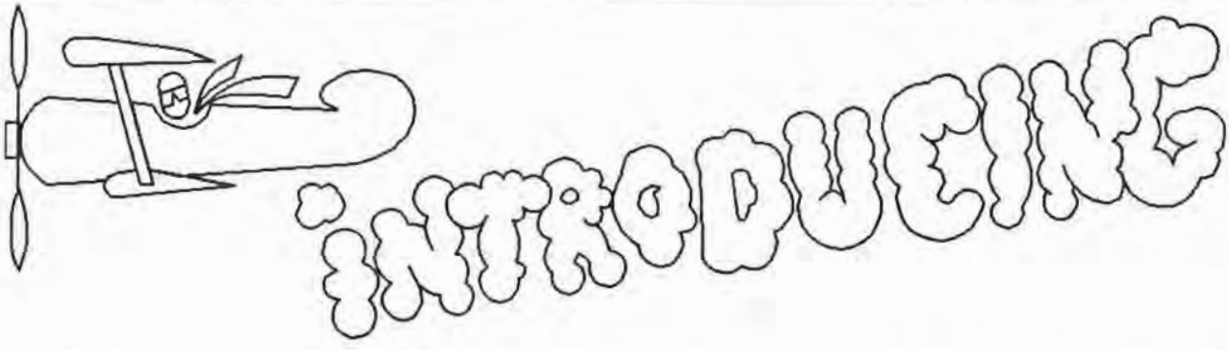

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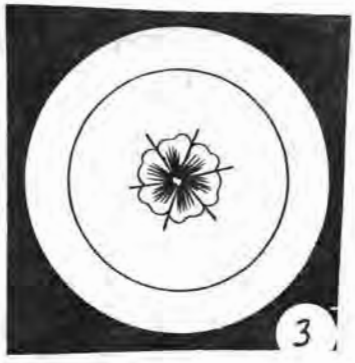
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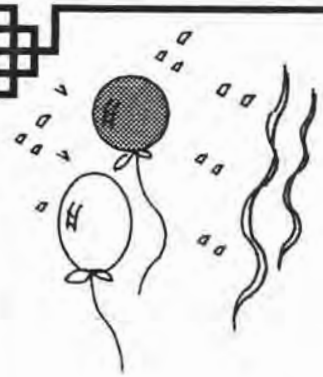

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