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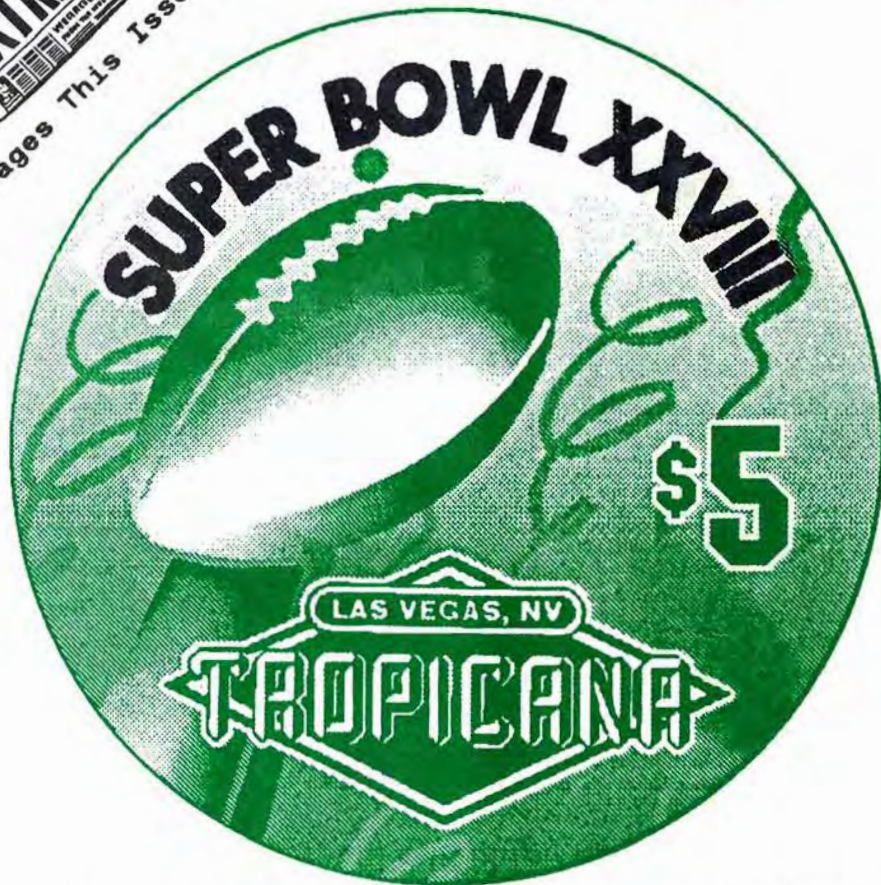
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CC>CC TO MEET IN BALTIMORE

The club has been invited to hold a regional meeting in Baltimore, Maryland in conjunction with the Maryland State Numismatic Association Convention. This popular coin show is being sponsored by the American Numismatic Assn. Our club meeting is scheduled for 1 pm on Saturday, June 25th, in the Baltimore Convention Center at the beautiful Baltimore Inner Harbor.

The New Jersey Token & Medal Show which previously was held in Belmawr New Jersey and in Cherry Hill New Jersey, has re-located its 1994 show to this Baltimore site. Please check the convention program upon your arrival for the location of our meeting room assigned for our two hour session.
 Bring Traders!!

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There were eight members who have signed up 2 new members each and forty seven members who recruited one new member each. Ninety four applications were received which did not state any sponsor's name.

EARL DONLEY
 Recording Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's "SHOWTIME!" For those of you who receive your club magazine via First Class mailing, you will probably receive this issue before the big Las Vegas convention. The rest of you will have to wait until you return from Vegas to catch up on all of the latest news. You may want to consider paying the extra \$8 for First Class delivery and receive your copy of the club magazine earlier... before all the good deals are gone!

All convention tables have been sold out well in advance... and a few "late requests" for table space had to be denied. The next issue of our club magazine will be chock full of convention happenings and memorable photos.

With this issue, I'm appealing to those talented members who would like to become more active in CC>CC to come forth and volunteer to help out. With the recent tremendous growth in the club, what used to require a minimal amount of time to take care of minor club business has become a burdensome chore accomplishing what has evolved into some major duties. Personally speaking, I can't continue to devote the time I have in the past; doing a lot of the things that need to be done. I've recently changed work locations and no longer do I have the opportunity to take care of a lot of things I was able to do previously. My term as Club President expires in '95 and I've already made it clear that I have decided not seek re-election. I do enjoy being the Editor of the club magazine and would like to continue on in that job for at least another year... provided Charlie Rodgers will continue to serve as the club's Advertising Manager and if I could find someone locally here in New Jersey who would take care of preparing and delivering to the Post Office, the bulk and First Class mailings each quarter after the magazine is printed. Please call or drop me a line if interested.

I'm also looking for a new Convention Chairman for our 1995 show. If a qualified individual comes forth during, or shortly after our 1994 convention has concluded, there will be plenty of time to begin working and planning next year's show with ample guidance from those folks who will have gained valuable experience from our two previous shows.

Lastly, I was pleased to see the A.C. Chapter of CC>CC take root and get off the ground with much enthusiasm from about 35 to 40 CC>CC club members who met in Atlantic City in late March. Congratulations to newly elected Chapter Officers: Dick Brach-President; Russ Diaz-V.P.; Gerald Birl-Secretary; and Tom Duffy-Treasurer. Further information about New Jersey Chapter membership can be obtained by writing to; Atlantic City Chapter, CC>CC, P.O. Box 1396 Atlantic City, NJ 08410.

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

With the recent run up in the stock market, there have been a large number of initial public offerings. With the expansion of legalized gaming in the U.S., a large number of those companies have been gaming issues. For example; in recent months, Boyd Gaming (Stardust, Sams Town); Station Casino (Palace Station); Boomtown (Reno); and river-boats too numerous to mention, have had intitial public offerings. Harvey's Wagon Wheel from Lake Tahoe will soon trade on the New York Stock Exchange.

I thought that it might be of interest to some club members to find out that Paul-Son Gaming will be issuing 1.2 million shares in an initial public offering. The offering will be managed by Rodmam & Renshaw Inc. This would be a way to have a direct ownership stake in a major chip manufacturer. Sincerely, Francis McIlvaine (R-366)

Dear Editor:

Regarding the article on Bi-Centennial issues by Stephen Piccolo in the last issue. I know of a few more chips not mentioned in the article.

The Landmark in Vegas had a \$2 Blue H&C with 3 red and 3 white inserts with a red center. Gary's Casino in Lake Tahoe also had a \$2 white chip with 2 red and 2 blue edge inserts. Harvey's Wagon Wheel in Lake Tahoe is all dressed up in red, white and blue. El Capitan in Hawthorne \$2 chip is Bi-Centennial. I've seen it but I don't own one. The Overland Hotel and the riverside Pick Hobson's in Reno both had \$100 Bi-Centennial chips that were never issued but must be somewhere.

All the above chips are in the master book (blue) by Borland. The \$2 chips do not have twin dates. The \$100 ones I don't know about.

See you in Vegas April 28th.

Charlie Hendrick #R-494

Dear Editor:

You have outdone yourself with the last issue (Vol. 7, #1) of the "Casino Chip & Token News". The articles on St. Maarten, the 10 cent chips, and the Travellin' Sandersons, were my favorites. They list casinos and chips that help us small time collectors know what is out there. Of course "The Information Booth" and "The Chip Update" are always great. I have read it from cover to cover. You and your club officers sure make this hobby more enjoyable, and for that I say "Thank You" for a job well done. Steve Roy, R-871

Dear Editor:

The color pictures of the Chip & Token Of The Year helps a lot in trying to make a choice when you don't know what all the chips that have been nominated look like. Great idea! Alvin Beatty R-163

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS AND EXHIBITING - PART I

by Robert R. Maisch #357

(Robert has been entering competitive exhibits since 1972 and his displays have won Best-of-Show on the state and regional level conventions. He became an American Numismatic Association (ANA) certified judge in 1975 and has judged in numerous classifications, including serving as a Best-of Show judge. He has been asked to serve as Assistant Chief Judge for the upcoming 1994 ANA Convention in Detroit.)

The CC>CC has begun its drive to obtain a casino chip and gaming token classification within the ANA exhibiting program. Also to promote our hobby CC>CC members are exhibiting at more and more state and regional conventions. All of this is being done in direct competition with and within the confines of the numismatic field. In this and the upcoming series of articles I will guide you thru the maze of competitive exhibits and exhibiting.

Assembling an exhibit is not difficult and by following a few guidelines, you as a collector, have the potential of showing an award winning display. As in any competition one must know the rules of the game or if you enjoy cooking and good food

you know one must follow a basic recipe to achieve an expected result. The ANA judge's grading sheet, shown in the box on the right, is an excellent guide showing all the necessary ingredients for preparing a successful exhibit. In the next issue I'll begin discussing each element of the judging sheet.

What is the purpose of an exhibit? I think it is to share information with fellow collectors. Your accumulation of chips and tokens are a museum in miniature -- take some of them out of their binders or files and share them.

Why would you want to put in the effort to prepare an exhibit? If you have a competitive nature and would like the opportunity to brag a little about your collection, you're a candidate. Additionally, some organizations offer exhibitors complementary banquet tickets (no small pittance in this day and age). Some clubs also give cash or collectible items as stipends in addition to trophies and ribbon awards. These are all nice additional benefits.

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MINUTES OF THE 1994 F.U.N. CC>CC MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 8th, in Orlando, Florida. 26 members and guests were in attendance.

Following introductions of those present, a discussion was held on the upcoming Las Vegas Convention. President Black reported that only two available tables were left in the bourse area.

The 1st quarter issue of the club magazine was currently at the printer and is 100 pages in size with lots of advertising by club members. Black again emphasized that 1st class mailings are faster and more reliable than 3rd class and that there were about 80 new members since the last issue was published.

A Treasurer's Report, prepared by Treasurer Tomarchio who was not in attendance, was made available by President Black for anyone in attendance who wished to examine it. It will not be published as we have not yet received our federal tax exempt status from the I.R.S. Our checkbook balance was \$23,545, most of it representing dues payments for one and two years and convention table fees.

Kevin Norris was named as the winner of the club's 1994 Chip & Medal design contests. Mastercraft Medallions of California will be producing this year's medal. There are a few 1993 bronze medals from last year still available. 250 bronze & silver sets will be struck for 1994. Advance orders can be sent to Janice O'Neal. CHIPCO will be doing the 1994 convention chip once again. 750 have been ordered.

Many examples of reference materials were displayed for public consumption. "Chip Rack", C.T. Rodgers listings, Howard Herz catalogs, Monte Carlo ANA publication, Black's A.C. Catalog, Janice O'Neal's Indian & Riverboats project, Robert Maisch's CHIPCO project, and the club convention auction catalog produced by Howard Herz were all discussed.

A discussion on CC>CC Chapters was entertained. Colorado has one already. Florida, New Jersey, California and Las Vegas are planning to form chapters. Guidelines for chapters proposed by officers is to be discussed at Las Vegas convention. If any members have any thoughts or suggestions regarding chapters, they should contact any CC>CC officers for consideration.

Janice O'Neal announced that she had FUN woods for both 1993 & 1994. Those in attendance received the 1994 issue.

President Black announced that the new Seminole Indian Bingo Parlor in Tampa has new .25, .50 \$1 & \$5 CHIPCOs and an old \$1 token.

Latest development... Luxor in Las Vegas has chips that have dramatic markings only visible under a black light. Eight different varieties are presently known. Probable security and collector interest. Paulson also have been found to have these U.V. markings.... ditto Bud Jones. Harrah's Holiday, Bally' Grand, MGM Grand, etc. were also shown. Luxor tokens have shown up in several different die varieties on which Jean King has prepared an article in the current issue of the club magazine.

F.U.N. MEETING continued

It was reported that Paulson has been trying to contact the club regarding a possible tour of their plant during our Vegas dates. Also, ANA is reported to have expressed interest in space at our convention for the purpose of demonstrating computer on-line services available to membership.

The meeting broke up after about an hour of business followed by a horse trading/swap session of about fifteen club members. The meeting was covered by Paul Gilkes, a staff reporter from Coin World, who said that our meeting was more interesting than most of the meetings he had covered during the convention. He was particularly interested in the U.V. markings on the Luxor chips and was given a few of the sample varieties to experiment photographing, presumably for a future article in Coin World.

The club staffed a booth on the convention floor for the entire duration of the F.U.N. convention. We didn't sign up a lot of new members but it was well worth participating and giving an opportunity to those club members who did come to Orlando a place to meet, sit and talk and to store their "stuff".

See you all in April!!

IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE CLUB IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT AS A RESULT OF SECRETARY DONLEY'S STEADY PERSISTENCE OF NEVADA STATE GAMING OFFICIALS WE ARE NOW IN A POSITION TO OFFER TO OUR MEMBERSHIP **EXCLUSIVE** DISTRIBUTION OF A FREE LISTING OF ALL GAMING CHIPS AND TOKENS THAT HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL TO THE STATE OF NEVADA.

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When the club was much smaller, and time requirements were not all that burdensome, it was much easier to handle many of the services and activities that the club offered to its members. However, with the rapid expansion of the club and some club related activities, several jobs that took a minimal amount of time and effort as a single item to administer now requires major investments of time and effort when all the jobs are lumped together. As a result, some officers have been experiencing what can only be described as "burn-out" and are seeking volunteer relief from some of the chores they are currently doing on behalf of the club membership.

To be more specific, we need a new Club Promotion Sales Manager; Convention Chairman; and to a lesser degree, Editor of the club magazine. Janice has indicated that she will stay on as our Promotion Sales Manager through our Vegas convention and until the club meeting at the A.N.A. July convention in Detroit at which time she will no longer handle our promotional sales. I need not tell you what a valuable asset to CC>CC that Janice has been. She's been the "workhorse" and prime promoter and cheerleader since the club has been organized. Surely there must be someone out there who would like to volunteer to relieve her and take over the duties of mailing out and collecting money for the sales of our woods, medals, decals, chips, patches, etc., etc. It would take a tremendous burden off her shoulders to be relieved of this responsibility so that she can continue to concentrate on corresponding with the many new issues reports and her popular "Chip & Token Updates" column as well as her Vice President duties.

The Convention Chairman's job (by itself) I could handle with ease. However, coupled with being President and more importantly as Editor, I can not continue in this role for our 1995 show. Therefore, I'm looking for a new Convention Chairman for next year. It's a lot of work, but if it's the only function one has, spread out over an entire year, it can also be very enjoyable and rewarding. Please drop me a line if you are interested. I would be more than happy to go over the responsibilities.

Finally, the Editor's job is the most time consuming job of all of them. It's a job that should be the only assignment an individual has in this club. It's a job I enjoy doing.... but not with all the other "hats" I'm wearing. I am simply unable to continue to devote the enormous time and work to all of these chores and I must give a few of them up. Please, I need your help. If anyone has any ideas, I'm open to all suggestions. The club needs you now, more than ever.

Elections for new club officers do not take place until next year so you have a lot of time to think and plan for this club's future. Be wise with your choices and try to avoid playing the political games. This club needs people who are willing to work and to put in some real time and effort in order to continue the progress this hobby has made in the past few years.

Happy collecting..... Archie

ATLANTIC CITY CHAPTER OF C.C.&G.T.C.C.

HOLDS INAUGURAL MEETING

by Jerry Birl R-774

Sunday, February 27, 1994 marked the beginning of a new era in casino chip and token collecting for the Atlantic City, New Jersey area.

Approximately forty C.C.&G.T.C.C. members and guests from 7 states met on the mezzanine level of the Ocean One shopping mall to launch the Atlantic City Chapter of the C.C.&G.T.C.C.

Bob Mera of the Gaming Emporium (perennial winner of the annual award for recruiting new Club members) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to Atlantic City.

National President Archie Black of the C.C.&G.T.C.C. reviewed the proposed guidelines for creating area chapters of the Club.

Nominations and elections of Chapter officers was held and the following Club members were elected by acclamation :

President	Dick Brach
Vice President	Russell Diaz
Secretary	Jerry Birl
Treasurer	Tom Duffy

Newly elected President Dick Brach addressed the group and put forth suggestions and ideas for future Chapter activities including swap sessions, auctions, trips, etc. Members will be polled to get their input on future Chapter activities.

An auction of Atlantic City chips was held by the Gaming Emporium and spirited bidding yielded substantial winning bids .

A very lively swap session followed the auction and meeting .

The next meeting of the Chapter will be held on Sunday March 27, 1994 at 4:00 P.M. in the Ocean One shopping mall.

The newly elected officers want to once again thank Bob Mera and Archie Black for their continued efforts to expand and enhance the hobby of chip and token collecting.



Newly Elected A.C. Chapter President Dick Brach makes a point during first organizational meeting.



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Michael Reznick (l) and Bob Mera of The Gaming Emporium welcome 40 collectors to the inaugural meeting of the CC>CC Atlantic City Chapter.

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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.

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'TRAVELLIN' WITH THE SANDERSONS'

By Arthur Sanderson R-171

'WEIGH ANCHOR'

It was my usual wake up time.... late! Through the kitchen for coffee and on into the living room.

Muriel, who has been up for hours, noting and observing, greets me with.... "Want to go to Savannah?"

"No!"

"Why not?"

"I've been to Savannah."

"When were you ever in Savannah?"

"1943-1944, while I was in the Army."

"That was 50 years ago.... things change in 50 years."

"Not Savannah. It's a historical town. Historical towns don't change.... they just get more historical."

With a big grin on her face she replies; "There's a dinner and casino cruise ship there now. Saw it on the news this morning."

"Why didn't you say so in the first place? We could have been half way there by now!"

The dinner and casino cruise, sometimes called "Cruise to Nowhere", started a few years ago in Florida, spread to Mississippi, then to Texas, and now Georgia. Other states have dinner on the water.... no casino. Some have casinos on the water... no dinner.

They are all pretty much the same. For a price of \$35 to \$50 you go to sea late in the afternoon.... have a buffet, or sometimes a menu dinner... enjoy live music.... beautiful scenery... and wait for the casino to open when you reach International Waters.

The casinos are well managed. I wouldn't say the slots are "loose", but there's all of the other games to win at.

They use quality chips and tokens with their name and logo on 'em. The "La Cruise" (discontinued in 1991) out of Gulfport, MS had tokens, (in three different metals), commemorating the Gulf War. Probably the first attempt to encourage chip and token "walking".

An hour or so before midnight the ship heads back and as soon as you are in U.S. water the casino shuts down. Now you have time to count your winnings.... enjoy buffet snacks.... play audience participation games.... do some dancing... or hit the bar, which has been open from the start.

So, check the newspaper ads for the DINNER & CASINO CRUISE nearest you and "WEIGH ANCHOR". (That's sailor talk for "SPLIT", or, "I'M OUTTA HERE".

December 13, 1993
Las Vegas, Nevada
For Release after 1:00 P.M. PST

GDC, Inc., one of the nations leading and fastest growing manufacturers of slot machine tokens, announced today that it has reached an agreement to acquire the assets of Casino Tokens, Inc. of Las Vegas.

In making the announcement, Jerry Martin, Vice President and General Manager of GDC cited a number of objectives, all of which were met with the acquisition.

"First, the industry is experiencing incredible, explosive growth. With this growth comes the need for more support from those of us who provide products and services to casino operators. As these needs become more intense, we are challenged to find new methods for servicing those operators. That means we must have greater capacities and capabilities.

Second, the industry is no longer a regional industry. With one facility in the West and one in the East, our customers can expect easy access and quick response."

Martin said the current GDC facility, located just south of Memphis in Hernando, Mississippi will serve Atlantic City, some native American jurisdictions, and all riverboat jurisdictions. The Casino Tokens facility will be responsible for the western part of the United States, including Nevada, Colorado, and some native American jurisdictions.

"What excited us most," said Martin, "was Casino Tokens' excellent reputation for service. We believe that dedication to excellent customer service meshes very comfortably with our own. When combined with the GDC commitment to products of the finest quality and to innovative methods and techniques, that reputation sets us 'above and apart' from all others."

GDC, a wholly owned subsidiary of IMI, PLC, has offices in Las Vegas as well as Hernando. Martin said that while all management responsibilities will shift to GDC, he foresees no other changes in current operations. "Our distinct advantage," Martin continued, "is the synergy that is created by combining the efforts of the two leading manufacturers of slot machine tokens."

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'LET'S TALK TOKENS (W's)
WINGS - WHEELS - WATER
 By Dave Harvey R-182

Long before CHIPCO's tokens have had pictures on them, early chips were not too exciting. Metal inserts, hot stamps, etc., etc. But tokens, back to the beginning (1965), had pictures on them. So in this quarter of our club magazine are some more nice examples of token art.

First are the "wings". Photo's #1 and #2, Headquarters and Primadonna, are the only tokens I am aware of with airplanes depicted on them.

Second are "wheels". This series of photos can be a short history lesson in wheeled travel. Photo's #3, #4, & #5 starts with a Dakota Territory covered wagon to Overland and Harvey's Stage Coaches. Can't you just picture John Wayne atop that Harvey's Coach?

Moving forward, we have photo's #6 & #7. Early autos, the Tin Lizzie and Model "T". How come we don't find a GM product on tokens. Maybe only Ford owners gamble? (I drive one). Photo's #8 and #9 are the BIG trucks.

Third section is "water". Photo's #10, #11, #12 we go from pirate ships to sport sailors to ocean liners.

I have purposely left out iron wheels (trains). I will cover these in another issue. There are a lot of trains. Finally, photo #13; The Four Aces. A little contest for you. Tell me what is significant about this token. I'll send you a token from a Colorado casino for the first correct answer I receive.

'Till next time, Happy Collecting,

Dave



'THE PREMIUM GAMING TOKENS'

By Earl Donley R-380

'SILVER STRIKES'

'WORLD'S SEVEN WONDERS'

'GOLD STRIKES'

Its been a busy three months for Premium token collectors. I've listed below the Tokens that are new for this quarter.

\$10.00 **BALLY'S L.V.** Obverse is the "777" design used on the new Chipco color token, the reverse is the Nevada State Seal. **CENTRAL STATION, CNCY Colo.** Set of four \$7.00 American Wildlifes and one \$28.00 Federal Eagle token. **COLORADO BELLE, Laughlin,** Set of four \$10.00 tokens. Slot Machine, Blackjack Hand, Poker hand, Dice. **EDGEWATER, Laughlin,** Set of four \$10.00 American wildlife. **FREMONT, L.V.** \$10.00, View of casino exterior. **HARRAH'S, L.V.** Two \$10.00 tokens using the designs from their 1992 set. Mardi Gras and the Riverboat. **GOLDEN NUGGET, Laughlin,** \$10.00 with the waterfall design. There is also a change on the \$28.00 tokens. #2 has the silver reverse with the CT mm. #3 silver reverse LM mm. #4 gold color reverse with LM mm. **RIO, L.V.** \$10.00 and \$28.00 with their "Rio Rita" design. **SAMS TOWN, L.V.** Three \$10.00 designs. Panner, Pony Express, and Stagecoach. **WHISKEY PETES, Jean,** A nice design on a \$10.00 token showing Bonnie & Clyde in front of their Ford sedan.

By the time of the Convention there could be new tokens in the Stardust, Gold River and California Hotels. I'll have a new list waiting for you at the Convention.

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THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Michael Knapp

Welcome to the latest edition of "The Information Booth"! For those of you who are reading this column for the first time, it is *your* column! It is here that you can ask questions about chips, tokens, casino history, and the like, and if we can provide the answers we will be glad to do so. If we do not know the answers to your questions, we will publish them here so that any member who does know the answer can write to your columnist, and the answer will appear in the next issue of *Casino Chip and Token News*.

The term UFC (for "unidentified flying chip") has been given to those chips sent in by members for identification, which we publish here as unknown. As you'll see, we do receive information from members who recognize and can identify these UFC's, and are willing to share their knowledge with the rest of the membership.

Don't hesitate to ask questions! Remember, there are no stupid questions, only stupid answers! If there's a question you have, chances are that other members have the same question, but simply haven't asked yet.

If you do have questions or answers, please drop a note to your columnist at 5410 Banbury Drive, Columbus, OH 43235.

This time we're going to start with four questions posed by a brand new club member, Vance Hines. We number the questions for reference, in case any other member has some information to add.

Q. 653: I have heard that Atlantic City has a strict policy of destroying obsolete chips. Does Nevada have such a policy, and if so when was this law enacted?

There's a definite difference, Vance, between a law and a policy, and it is that distinction which is important in this case. In New Jersey, the original statute that authorized gaming in Atlantic City provided that all chips and tokens taken out of play were to be destroyed if they were no longer to be used. That has been the law in New Jersey ever since, and helps to explain why some relatively recent obsolete chips from Atlantic City are realizing high prices at auction and at retail.

In Nevada, on the other hand, there is no such law. The Gaming Control Commission has a rule that requires that it approve the method of disposal of obsolete chips, but destruction is only one of the methods of disposal that can be approved. The fact of the matter, though, is that the GCC has not been approving any method of disposal other than destruction for the past few years! That is the policy.

Our understanding is that the policy originated because some chips from a closed hotel somehow got into circulation, and were being presented at cages in various casinos in Las Vegas. The industry immediately ran to the GCC and asked for the new policy to protect against cashing worthless chips at casino cages. There's another clear solution, of course, and that is for cage personnel to be more careful about what they're doing, so that obsolete chips will be able to find their way into collectors' hands, but collectors are not of concern to the industry or to the GCC.

Q. 654: Where do chip and token dealers obtain their inventory?

Well, Vance, from the same places we collectors do! Chip and token dealers regularly make visits to casinos to purchase chips from the tables, just like the rest of us collectors do. One of the reasons we as collectors are willing to pay dealers more than face value for current chips, for example, is that the dealers have done all the legwork for us.

Dealers also purchase collections from individuals, and occasionally find boxes of chips that collectors or ex-employees of casinos may have saved from years ago. Again, finding those hoards of chips takes a lot of work, and that's why we collectors pay a premium for chips that we can't readily obtain ourselves.

Q. 655: What criteria are used to determine prices?

Another good question. As with any collectible, there are three basic considerations that determine the value of chips and tokens: rarity, demand, and condition. Notice we said "value." The simple answer to your question is that each dealer or collector determines the "price" of a chip or token on his own.

There are several sources that can be used as reference to determine the value of a casino chip. *Casino Chip and Token News* is one: the advertisements in this magazine are one of the best ways for collectors to

learn the "going price" for the casino chips and tokens listed in the advertisements. *The Chip Rack*, a book published last May, is another: it lists value ranges for Nevada casino chips, and provides a guide to the value of current chips not specifically listed and described. Another source is *Black's Catalog of Atlantic City Chips and Tokens*, which now includes a price guide as well as a complete listing of all chips and tokens issued by casinos in New Jersey, since gambling was legalized there.

Q. 656: Why are certain chips more readily available than others? Examples: Holiday International, Sahara, Mapes, Sundance.

Another good question! The reason is that, except for the Sahara, the chips of each of the other casinos you've listed were purchased in bulk by dealers when the hotels closed. In the case of the Holiday International, hotel had filed bankruptcy, and the entire inventory of the casino's chips was purchased by a dealer from the bankruptcy court. The same was true of the chips from the Silver Bird and from Pick Hobson's Riverside in Reno.

In the case of the Mapes and the Sundance, the owners closed the hotels, and sold their chips to dealers to raise money. We assume that the same thing occurred with the Sahara when the current owners took over. Hence, chips from these casinos are more readily available than those from other casinos.

Q. 657: This is a question we get once in a while: when are you going to publish a complete review of "The Information Booth" so that I can see all the chips published before I joined the club?

Unfortunately, it would take more space than we currently have available in *Casino Chip and Token News* to do this. In fact, we did publish such a review a couple of years ago, but that was before the contributions to the club magazine were quite so voluminous.

Q. 658: Another question we get once in a while: I sent you copies of some chips, but I haven't seen them in "The Information Booth." Why not?

There are three answers to this question: first, some photocopies we receive are simply not legible enough for reproduction in the magazine. As it is, your columnist hand illustrates almost all chips submitted, whether in original form or submitted as photocopies, to make sure that the chip is clear enough to identify. A good rule of thumb is this: if you can't make out all the chip detail in a photocopy, neither can your columnist, and the chip won't appear.

The second answer is that some chips submitted have already been published in previous columns, and we try not to publish a chip as a UFC more than once. Finally, the third answer is that space does not permit us to publish all the chips we have on hand at a given time. Yours may be held for a future issue, when there is more space available.

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

A. 534: Our club expert on Northwest U.S. card clubs, Steve Goodrich, tells us that the Oxford Club, in Missoula, Montana, operated well before card rooms were legal in that State. That's the reason for the "in trade" legend on the chips. They were in fact used in card games, but the "in trade" legend was maintained to allow deniability. Interestingly, there's another example of that kind of fiction with some chips submitted for this issue's column. See Q. 636 below!

A. 603: The Phoenix card room was located in La Center, Washington. It's now the New Phoenix.

A. 612: Al Zaika's detective work suggests that this LAFB chip is from Loring Air Force Base in Maine. He has chips from the Loring NCO club that say "NCO-Loring," and have the same mold design. Since it is likely that Loring would have ordered all its chips from the same manufacturer, that makes Loring the most likely candidate of the several possibilities. Makes sense to us, Al!

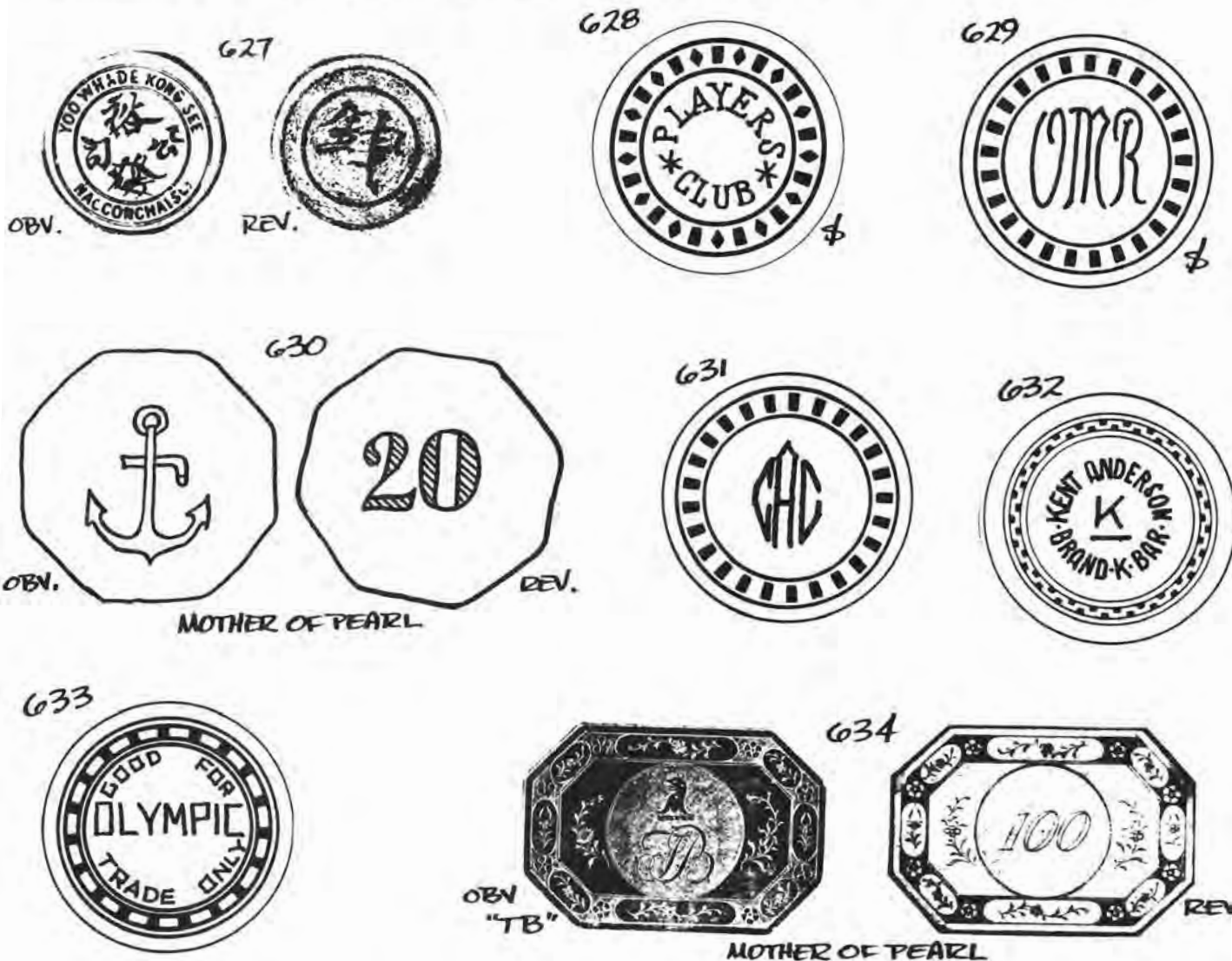
A. 613: Sy Redd, a Nevada slot route pioneer, at one time owned the Tower Club in Jean, NV. It's been suggested that this chip is most likely from the Tower Club before Sy Redd took it over. Again, the answer makes sense to us!

A. 637: This BA chip, illustrated in the last issue, has a great story to go with it! It seems that it's from Harrison's card room at 4703 University Ave., in San Diego, which operated from 1964 to 1975. The story is that the chips were ordered to read "BH," for owner Bill Harrison. When the chips came in hotstamped incorrectly, rather than sending them back, Harrison claimed that the initials stood for Bill and Angie, his wife! Great story, thanks to San Diego card room expert Rick Meyer!

Al Zaika, a truly eagle-eyed reader and regular contributor to this column, wrote a note to say that we had missed several numbers for UFC's. He asked about numbers 620 through 634. Well, some were in fact missing, and some were just harder to find! In Vol. 6, No. 3, "The Information Booth" was split, and the first

part ended on page 47, with Q. 619. Q. 620 through 626 appeared on page 57 of the same issue. Because space in that issue was limited, Q. 627 through 634 were reserved, to be published later. We inadvertently left them out of the last column, and they appear below, before we begin with new UFC's, beginning with Q. 653! A long explanation, but hopefully Al wasn't the only one confused!

As is our custom, we illustrate only one side of the chip if both sides are the same. If a denomination appears on the reverse side, we note that with the \$ symbol beside the chip.

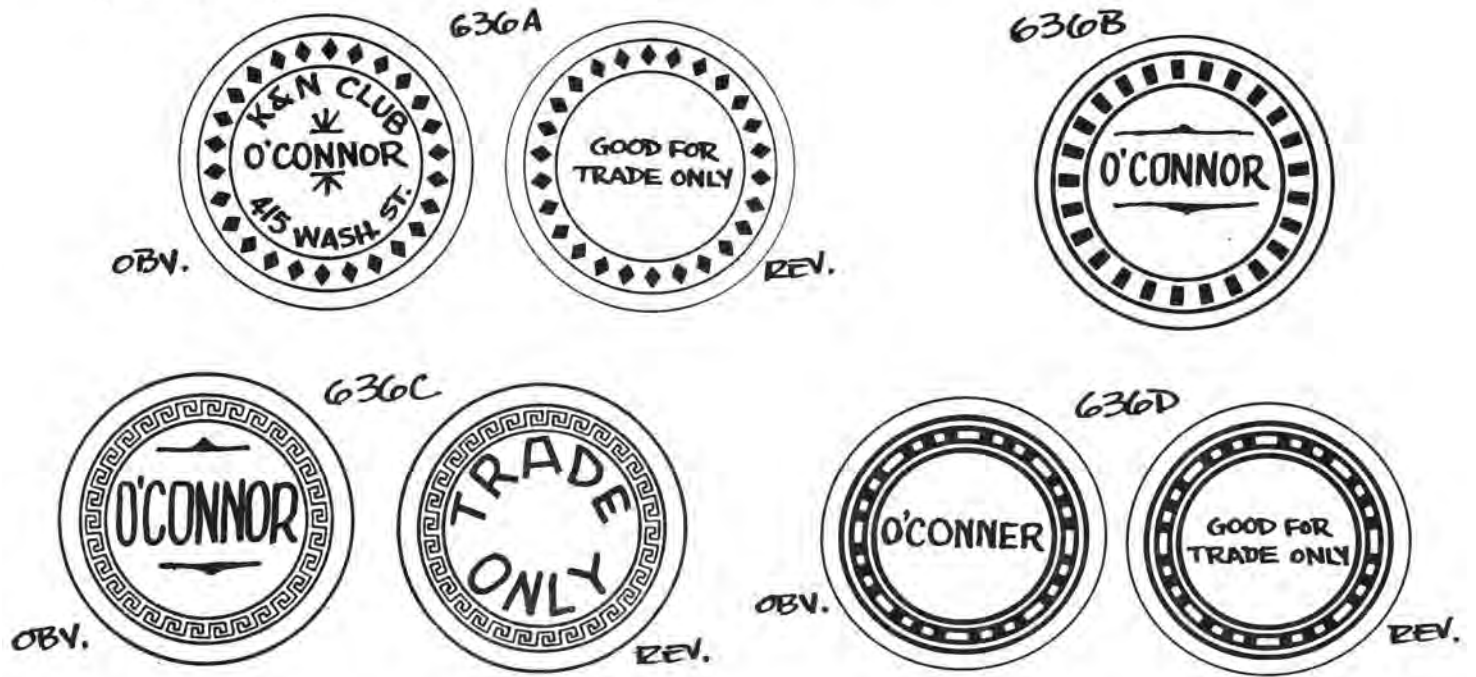


Now for some completely new illustrations! The first group of chips comes from member Robert Eisenstadt, also a regular contributor to this column. Robert sent us several different varieties of chips which he has found are from O'Connor's card room, at 415 Washington Street, Portland, Oregon. One variety not illustrated here is a completely plain, no-mold design chip, which has two different kinds of lettering; one is the same as Q. 636A, the other like 636B. The only difference is that there is no mold design on either chip.

The fact that some of these chips use the "good for trade only" legend, indicates to us that the club was open before gambling was legalized in Washington State. (Offhand, I don't know when that was—perhaps someone can tell us.) As Steve Goodrich mentioned in connection with the Oxford Club in Missoula, MT, the "in trade" fiction was often used as a front for illegal gambling.

A couple more things we might mention about these chips. It seems that the actual name of the card

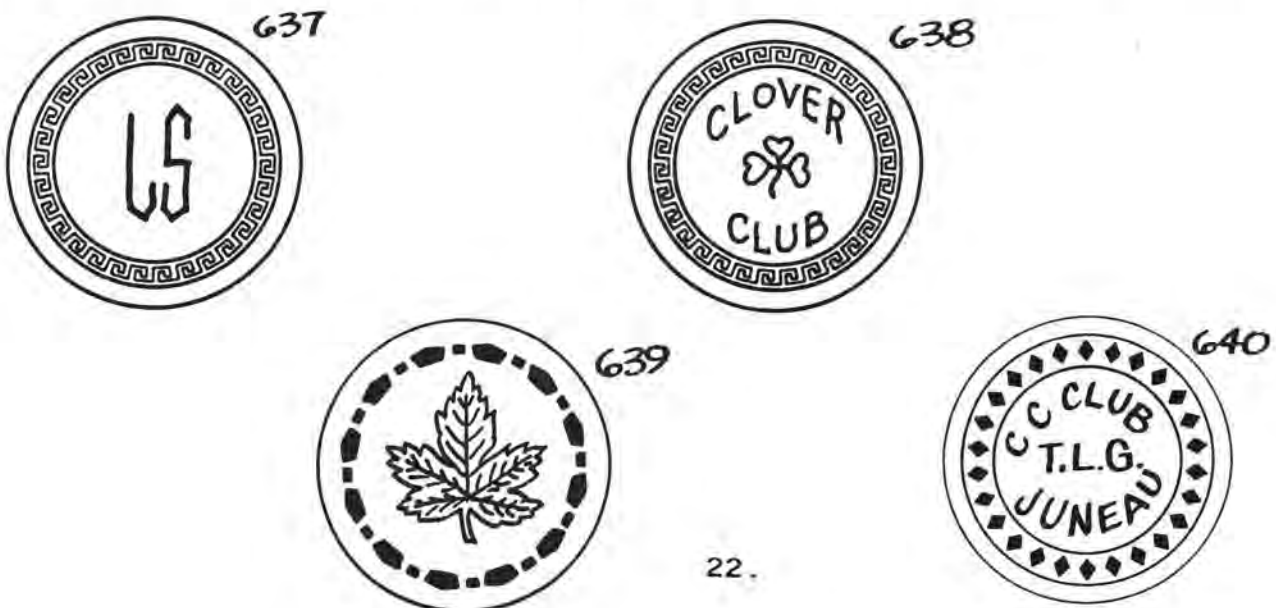
room was the K & N Club, although apparently someone named O'Connor may have owned it. (See 636A.) Also, the name "O'Connor" is misspelled on one style of chip as "O'Conner." (See 636D.) That chip seems to have been used, so we assume that the owner needed the new chips more than he needed to have his name spelled correctly!



Q. 637 and Q. 638 come to us with the story that they were used in Al Capone's private casino in Wisconsin. Unfortunately, no other information. Your columnist knows of no casino owned by Al Capone in Wisconsin, although the Wisconsin border is not far from Chicago. If anyone recognizes either of these chips, or knows more about a private casino in Wisconsin with which Al Capone was connected, we'd appreciate your sharing your information with the rest of us.

Q. 639 was supposedly used on a Canadian gambling ship, although that's all the information we have. Certainly the maple leaf is the Canadian symbol, but we know nothing about illegal gambling ships operating in Canadian waters. Does anyone else?

Q. 640 is from an illegal casino in Juneau, Alaska, although we know no more about it. The member who sent it to us for the column tells us that he purchased it on vacation in.....Hawaii!



Q. 641 is a chip from the Istanbul Hilton in Istanbul, Turkey. We suspect that the initials T.G.I. stand for the name of the company that operates the casino, but we don't know what that is. Does anyone?

Q. 642 through 653 are new UFC's, and if you recognize and can identify the chips, please write!



Our thanks for the input for this issue's column to those members identified above as well as Allan Myers, Bill O'Brien and Vince Russo.

ATLANTIC CITY



NEW YEAR CHIPCOS FROM A.C.

On Christmas Day, "The Grand" put out their new 1994 Happy New Year \$5 CHIPCO's. The following day, December 26th, Harrah's followed suit with a \$5 1993 Happy Holidays CHIPCO salute on one side and a 1994 Happy New Year on the other. "The Grand" 1994 Chinese New Year CHIPCO "Year Of The Dog" followed in early February.



Christmas also prompted the release of two new slot tokens in A.C. A new \$25 token was issued at Sands and a new \$1 token was issued at the Claridge. Both tokens have a large GDC mintmark and the \$25 token from Sands is dated "1993".



CLARIDGE CHANGES TO CHIPCO 100%

It was only a matter of time. All members were advised that it was going to happen by the end of the year. Well, it was January when Claridge removed all their Bud Jones metal center inserts from the tables and introduced a new set of CHIPCOs, from the \$1 all the way up to \$5000. The metal centers are now obsolete. How many of you stocked up on them while they were still available??



BLACK'S A.C. CATALOG SOLD OUT

I'm sorry that I had to return several checks to members who have ordered copies of my Atlantic City Catalog as offered in the last issue of the club magazine. Another revised issue is being planned for release after our 1994 convention is over. Look for an announcement in the next issue of our club magazine.

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Part Two

by Douglas J. Saito

"Ooops, I'm sorry."

Now that's a heck of a way to start off part two of this series on low-denomination chips from Nevada, but it's the simplest way I can answer all of those letters sent to me by so many collectors of little colored round things that we call chips or checks.

On behalf of the US Postal Service, I want to say thanks for all the letters. On behalf of myself, I want to say sorry and make amends by correcting some of my statements that appeared in part one of this series.

Amendments to part one:

Club Bingo/Las Vegas. I stand corrected by Frank Mantell on this twelve-and-a-half-cent chip. There were originally one hundred of these chips, and not the thirty or so as I stated. I hate to admit stupidity (I'll leave that to US Presidents), but anyone who knows anything about the inner workings of a casino would know that management would have had to purchase a minimum of one box of chips (100 to a box) from a chip manufacturer.

Club Cal-Neva/Reno. Aha! Thanks to the info given to me by fellow collectors Charles Sandes and Ralph Pollack, I now know that there were other variants of this chip. There's one with a small Greek key, yellow, hot stamp, and another one with a large Greek key, yellow, hot stamp.

Golden Bank Club/Reno. Oh no! There's two more variants of this chip! One's in the hands of Bruce Landau, you know, that fellow back East whose house is made of chips. His variant is a super-toughie, and highly unique because the owner's name is hot-stamped on it—Tomerlin's Golden Bank Club.

The other variant was sent to me in Xerox fashion by Charles Sandes—large Greek key,

yellow, with a black hot stamp. So now that I know that a large Greek key of this chip exists, where's the small key version?

Just a bit more info on the Golden Bank Club. It seems as if the words Golden/Bank/Club/Hotel were interchangeable names on the chips from this old Reno establishment, probably with good reason—a casino called the Bank Club took up the ground floor of a place called the Golden Hotel in Reno. I don't know if they had separate owners, but there is one footnote of interest concerning the ownership—Wilbur Clark at one time had a piece of the action before moving on to bigger and *better* things in Las Vegas.

Harley's Silver Dollar/Reno. Boy, was I caught flat-footed and with my pants down to my ankles on this one. So many collectors wrote in and told me that they had never seen it, didn't have it, and were now taking my advice and demanding that they acquire three of these chips at \$2.00 apiece. Well, since I'm in a flat-footed, bent-over position, do with me what you will—'cause I only have a few left and some dealers are completely out of stock. My amendment to the Harley's chip now reads: A very scarce chip. Price change: \$6.00 to \$8.00.

King of Clubs/Sparks. Another variant of this chip, one with just the dice/card mould instead of the Nevada dice/mould was sent to me by Walter Dirzulaitis, a fellow friend and rival collector of mine. The chip surprised me, but then again, Walter's always full of surprises when it comes to digging up obsolete, and often obscure, little round things.

Whew, enough of amendments and additions. Here's the start of part two, from which I'll probably receive more correspondence, to which I'll have to start out part three of this series with more amendments. Being as there's no end in sight to this endless cycle, let's begin.

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Right: Lakeside Inn ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, brown, hot stamp.



Lakeside Inn/Lake Tahoe. I was at the Lakeside in January of this year. I talked about this ten-cent chip with two dealers who had been with the club since its opening day in the spring of 1985, just after it had been purchased from an individual whose club logo is still emblazoned on the bottom of the Lakeside Inn swimming pool (I mention this for one reason: It gives guys like me a handy excuse to look at all those bikini-clad bodies in the name of historical research).

This chip was in play on the crap tables from opening day, then discontinued after nine months when the crap table went to a twenty-five-cent-minimum game. That's what I was told.

Over at the cashier's cage, I was informed that a chip dealer had cleaned them out of all the ten-centers about two years ago, purchasing around two hundred at face value.

So why do I tell you all this? Because it's important to find out the age of a chip, how many there were originally, if they're still in play or stored in a vault, and how many are available—all this, so I can arrive at what price you'd be expected to pay for a chip with the following history: In and out of play in 1985. No more than 400 originally manufactured. Approximately 150 still available. Now priced at \$8.00 to \$12.00.

Is the price worth it? Debatable. The only thing I find of slight interest about the chip is that it was the last ten-cent chip ever to be used at a Lake Tahoe casino. For myself, I'd rather have the *first* ten-cent chip ever used.

Right: Las Vegas Club ten-cent chip. Horse-shoes, black, hot stamp.



Las Vegas Club/Las Vegas. This TK mould, black, hot stamp, ten center is not pictured here for what will become a very obvious reason, if you read on.

Let it be known that you are not to re-do, re-ink, or re-create the hot-stamp letters on any of these old chips—it's my opinion that the original manufacturer's hot stamp did not make an indelible or readable impression on this chip, nor did the casino seem to care about the quality—to them, a black chip way back then simply meant ten lowly cents; easy to see, cumbersome to cash, and used more as a come-on chip to attract the loose-change crowd.

Let it also be known that I'm guessing the chip was in play in the 60's, and that I'm guessing it was designated for a craps table. There's a variant of this chip with the same mould but with three red inserts or pips—so, to all those dealers who like to paint by numbers, please don't add three red stripes to your dupes of this chip.

Because I'm sick of seeing this chip undergoing what the Gabor sisters do every other month—a facelift, I'd price the retouch jobs at \$10.00. And if a dealer were to offer you one with a high degree of readability, I suggest your response be that you're illiterate and you want one you can't read.

Price for original illegible chip: \$20.00 to \$30.00, depending on the caliber of your reading glasses.

Las Vegas Club/Vegas. Now here's one from the same club that you can read. Because of its horseshoe mould, I think it's from the third or fourth generation of dimers that came out of this casino. If you do have any of the ten-cent chips from the Las Vegas Club, more than likely it's going to be this one because the ones with this mould seem to be the most prevalent. The chip's a good one, but one of lesser value than its TK mould counterpart. So, what should you pay for one of these? Well, unlike the world's oldest profession, in the chip-collecting game you're expected to pay less for something younger, less mature and free of facelifts: About \$10.00 to \$15.00.

Mapes Hotel/Reno. Amidst the tons of Mapes Hotel chips that are stacked chin-high on dealers' tables, this Mapes dimer I love the best. Maybe because I actually stayed at Charlie Mapes' place in the early 80's, about a year before it closed in 1982. Back then, the hotel had an older model Otis elevator that came equipped with an elevator operator, who probably came with the place when it was built in the late 40's.

If memories are the stuff that chips are made from, then I don't know why this chip doesn't ring my bell about recalling a ten-cent crap game; maybe not remembering is proof enough for me that if they did have a ten-cent game, it was prior to my visit in 1981.

As for this chip's rarity, it's most puzzling to me. It seems as if every mould known by collectors, be they man, woman or beast, was used in the manufacturing of the Mapes chips. TK's, rectangles, T's, brass inlays, paper inlays, hot stamps, two bits, four bits, no six bits, but all the dollar denominations—they're all there, but this lowly ten-center seems to make its presence less known than all the other denominations. And, I wonder, since all those other denominations seem to have undergone some sort of mould metamorphosis with each year that passed at this historical place, why didn't the dimes?

If there are any other variants, they're going to be pricier than this one, which I feel is in the \$15.00 to \$25.00 range.

Mint Club/Reno. Now that the one-dollar, the two variations of the five-dollar, the twenty-five-dollar and hundred-dollar denominations from this club all made their debuts in 1993, and are still debuting, how come the ten-cent Mint Club was excluded from the set? Was it because it didn't have a dollar sign and only one zero hot stamped on the chip? Was it because of its color—a discriminatory matter I would leave to the NAACP. Or was it because boxes of the ones, fives, twenty-fives and hundreds all showed up and there were only a handful of the ten-centers?

I've made much ado about the Mint Club set for one reason: To demonstrate that high denominations from obsolete casinos are too often as plentiful as rocks while the ten-cent chips have become the diamonds in the rough.

Another case in point: I've never seen this chip for sale. For trade, from a collector, yes. For sale, from a dealer, no.

So now that I know most of these Mint Club dime chips are in the hands of private collectors, it makes it super-difficult for me to put a price tag on them . . . maybe thirty cash and two chips in trade? \$50.00 straight up? The rest of the Mint Club chips in trade for the one that's missing from the set?



Left: Mapes Hotel ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, purple, hot stamp.



Right: Mizpah Hotel ten-cent chip. Small Greek key, brown, hot stamp.

Mizpah Hotel/Tonopah. Now that we've had our fill of the Mizpah twenty-five centers, the \$1.00, \$5.00, \$25.00 and \$100.00 chips, sure hope you didn't overlook this one for your collection, because it's not half as plentiful as all the other denominations. The speed with which it's disappearing rates right up there with unsliced bread, cars with tailfins and unmicrowaved TV dinners.

I would love to brag and say this one's the only ten-cent chip that ever came out of the township of Tonopah, but other dimers have surfaced in the past year that have been attributed to the Tonopah Club; the proof in the puddles of pudding being the monogram TC, as in Tonopah Club. Of course, the abbreviation could stand for Treasury Club, Tahoe Colonial, maybe even Truly Counterfeit.

Having said that, maybe I will brag and say this is more than likely to be the *only* ten-cent chip that came out of one of Nevada's most-colorful towns. Price: \$20.00.



Left: Mint Club ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, dark red, hot stamp with star image.

Monte Carlo/Las Vegas (another unphotogenic chip because its poor reproduction quality). We should all be Stevie Wonder when we purchase this chip—buy it by feel and not by sight. With my correctable lenses on, I've seen twenty-eight of these old black chips, some totally unreadable, most retouched with grease or lead pencil—but when I felt the rims or edges, nearly all of them were still sharp, without tactile signs of wear, yet all appeared worn because the hot-stamped letters lacked legibility.

I'm going to go out on a limb and state the following: Until I see all of the ten-cent chips ever issued from this club, it's my belief that the original issue of this chip never had a highly readable hot-stamp impression. So, again, a caveat to all those make-up artists among us: Leave this chip alone. Let it stand in its original unreadable shape.

What makes this chip fascinating are rumors I've heard that Wilbur Clark was an owner of the club . . . such rumors have always rankled me. Why have rumors when you can have facts. Research shows old Wilbur did own the place (all or parts . . . let that be the next rumor until I can put it to rest).

So does that make this chip more valuable? I really don't think so, but other collectors do, and maybe they're right—they're argument being analagous to someone who collects antlers and claims that the horns of Santa's reindeer would be more valuable than the typical run-of-the-range bull moose's. What can I say, but who cares . . . unless you're Comet and Blitzen.

For those who care about ownership, I estimate the price of this chip at \$40.00. For those who don't give a damn: \$20.00



Right: Nevada Hotel ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, brown hot stamp.

Nevada Hotel/Ely or Hotel Nevada/Ely. How modern is this chip? It's a Paul-Son hat and cane job, which means it could have been in play as late as yesterday. Does the place still have gaming? If so, slots only? Is it a nice place? Do they have his and hers restrooms?

I admit I haven't done a very good job of running down the history of this chip or its origin, but I will on my next trek to Ely. Any info on the background of this ten-center I would much appreciate receiving, because my answers on this one are purely speculative.

I'm guessing that this chip was intended for a ten-cent crap game, assuming of course that there was enough space in this place for a crap table, two aproned dealers and a dozen players . . . or is/was the crap table like the Bird Farm's in Fallon or the Stagecoach in Beatty—a crap table that's been halved by a bundling-board contraption and manned or womaned by one dealer?

Was the chip ever used? Every one I've seen are nick-less, spotless and super legible, and it seems I've paid more for the beautiful condition of this chip than its mysterious history.

Because these ten centers are like Arnie Schwarzenegger—all in excellent shape—I'd price them at \$15.00 apiece. Now, had they been like Jack LaLane, all in excellent shape but very old, I'd tack on another ten bucks to the price tag.

Right: New China Club ten-cent chip. Small crowns, pink, silver hot stamp.



Left: New China Club ten-cent chip. Small crowns, red, silver hot stamp.

New China Club/Reno. I'm partial to these chips because they symbolize the tremendous impact that the Chinese had on the history of gambling. After all, where would the gaming world be without Fan-Tan, ivory chips, Pai-Gow, Keno and Moo-Goo Gai-Pan? Probably one less vice for mankind, and one less Chinese dish.

At one time, collectors were inundated by all denominations of the New China Club chips. The wave of New China stuff probably hit a new high-water mark two years ago, but now the tide seems to have turned, and most of the chips have ebbed to a nearly extinct state. What's left of the flood are bits and pieces like this ten-center, still seen in dealers' display cases today.

However, when you sift through these chips, keep a sharp eye out for color variation. There's a red and a pink, both illustrated here. The reds tend to be worn, the pinks are in much better condition. My suggestion: Buy both, but don't pay more than \$8.00 apiece.

Orbit Inn/Las Vegas. Wasn't the neon sign from this place a classic of 1950's deco-dence? A revolving RKO-like world globe, with its waist-band of lettering that advertised the casino's name—oooooh, groovy, Daddy-O. But then again, maybe going with a 50's theme led to the demise of this casino, because nobody in 1976, the year this casino opened, wanted to be reminded that they were getting older. Of course, today, with the advent of Hard Rock Cafe's and the third coming of Elvis, American Grafitti nostalgia's not only a good thing, it's a good theme.

Personally, I think this casino didn't make it because it shared the same cause of death as its antecedents the Reel Deal and The Franklin Brothers . . . its location downtown. Simply three blocks too far to walk and too close for a cab; besides what's to see along the way but pawn shops, things marked Triple X and the same stores that have been going out of business for the last ten years.

Yeah, the place has always been a hard sell, but not its chips. Any chip from this place is an easy sell, they're just harder than hell to get. Any Orbit Inn chip, from dimes to dollars, just aren't around. So, if you're going to buy one of these dimers, expect to pay around \$25.00. And once you have it, keep it handy because you're going to need it to make the comparison with another variant, one that's identical in all respects except for having much larger letters.

Palace Club/Fallon. At one time this chip was as rare as an E. Coli-infested hamburger from Jack-In-The-Box. Now, they're here and there, but still not quite everywhere. Most are in good shape.

These chips are a much better value than its look-a-like, same-name chip from Reno, and, because this chip is often mistaken by dealers for the Reno Palace Club ten-center, they often price it much lower than it should be—advantage, buyer. The disadvantage? Those dealers who subscribe to this newsletter via first-class mail will get an early read on this article, then double-check the prices on this chip just in time for their sales at the Aladdin.

Price advice: Don't go over ten bucks, eight's fair, six is great.



Orbit Inn ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, brown, hot stamp.



Overland Hotel ten-cent chip. Small crowns, purple hot stamp.



Overland Hotel ten-cent chip. Small crowns, light purple, hot stamp.



Overland Hotel ten-cent chip. Diamond/squares, purple, hot stamp.

Overland Hotel/Reno. Talk about chips. This place had more chips than Frito-Lay. Especially the small-crown purple jobs pictured here.

What kind of fire-sale did they have at this place when it shut down? A swap meet? An auction with a two-bit maximum-bid requirement? A K-Mart blue-light special? As you can see, I'm talking tonnage and mega-kilos here, the type of close-out sale where buyers were required to bring a shovel and a Mac truck.

I don't even want to add up the number of chips that became available from this place. So, here's my advice if you're interested in buying this ten-center. Stick with the Chip Rack price of \$1.00 to \$2.00 apiece, or ask for the \$1.99 per pound rate. More advice: Go for the diamond/squares mould—they're prettier, in better shape, a bit on the rare side, and naturally, a tad more expensive, around \$5.00.



Left: Palace Club ten-cent chip. Small crowns, yellow, hot stamp.

Palace Club/Reno. Now that I've used up my allotted number of hyperboles on the Overland chips, what can possibly be said about another casino that hung up a Chips 'R Us sign when they closed down. Not much can be said; it just feels like I've just left K-Mart to go to Pic 'N Save.

However, I would be remiss if I didn't bring up two exceptions of rarity in all the ten-centers issued from this casino. The ten-cent small crowns, black, is very exceptional, so exceptional that I dare to classify it as semi-rare. And the ten-center that says The Famous Palace is beyond exception for one reason: It's the only Nevada ten-cent chip to be manufactured with a center inlay.

Price-wise, put a K-Mart tag of \$2.00 to \$4.00 on the small-crown yellows. A Macy's on the small-crown black: \$15.00 to \$25.00. A Tiffany on the Famous Palace inlay: \$30.00 to \$50.00.

An addendum: There is a fourth variant, one identical to the small crowns, yellow, except for having thinner lettering. There is a fifth variant, one with a hat and cane mould, yellow, one that I don't have but want to have—my asking price: \$10.00. A sixth variant, another hat and cane, but this one's red—I bid \$10.00. An seventh variant, an hourglass mould, red—will trade my Tiffany.



Left: Palace Club ten-cent chip. Small crowns, yellow, hot stamp.

Right: Palace Club ten-cent chip. Small crowns, black, hot stamp.



Left: Palace Club ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, gray with three thin blue inserts. Center inlay has green and red lettering.

Right: Pioneer ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, black, hot stamp. Denomination on obverse.



Ten-Cent Trivia:

Why aren't there any ten cent chips from Harold's Club/Reno? There should be. The place was famous for its low-denomination games such as penny roulette. Raymond Smith and son, Harold, Jr., owners of the club, worked the carnie circuit and pitch games in California before striking it rich in Reno—they were well known for being penny-wise and dollar rich.

Maybe the answer is that none of the ten-centers have surfaced yet. Another answer would be the possibility that they never ordered chips with a ten-cent denomination, using instead no-denomination chips that were given designated values at the gaming tables. Or the answer might be in someone's collection: If you have a Harold's Club/Reno ten-cent chip, mind if I ask where you got it, how you got it and can I get it.

Pioneer, Famous/Las Vegas. Yeah, that's Vegas Vic's pic hot-stamped on this pristine black ten-center. His image alone is worth a couple of bucks. But I think it would be worth a lot more if I knew for sure that Vic's mug had landed face-first on the tables. I've never seen one of these chips in a marred, scarred, dinged or damaged state, so I'm always left wondering if they were ever in play.

However, there's no question in my mind that some kind of ten-center was used at this downtown Las Vegas casino. Because the Pioneer, with its famous figure of a cowboy who looks more like a dude-ranch gigolo trying to bum a ride with little old ladies, has always had lots of low-denomination chips. It's as if the Pioneer specializes in catering to the gambler down to his last two-bits . . . or one thin dime. So far, though, no other ten-centers have seen the light of day, except this one.

Because it's the only Nevada ten-center with the image of a gigolo cowboy imprinted on its center, I'd have to price it at \$25.00. Maybe more if someone could prove to me that it was used to wager with.

Right: Pioneer Hotel ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, green with three thin orange inserts, hot stamp.



Left: The Pit ten-cent chip. Hat and cane, yellow, hot stamp.



Pioneer Hotel/Las Vegas. Ah, now we come to one of the most controversial ten-centers in Nevada. The center of this controversy lies in the chip's origin. Is it from the place that stands beneath the boots of a hitchhiking gigolo cowboy, now known as the Pioneer? Or was it from a place of lodging one block away on 1st and Carson, which was formerly the Hotel Elwell, then became the Golden Hotel, and is now the multi-level parking garage for the Golden Nugget?

Those who say the chip came from Vegas Vic's Pioneer are usually chastized by naysayers who argue that there's no hotel at the current Pioneer, never has been according to those who have old postcards in their possession that show no evidence of a sign proclaiming the Pioneer to be a hotel.

Of course those who propose the chip was in play at a place officially called the Pioneer Hotel are usually chagrined when they acknowledge that this chip is the only known chip to ever come out of this little-known establishment. Which leads others to wonder why would a hotel issue just a ten-cent chip? Did they have a crap table? A blackjack layout? And, if this chip is the only chip they issued, why do they all have that unused look—did they force players to wear Playtex gloves while they played with their chips?

If the chip came from a hotel, and if that hotel never used it as a gaming check, and if ten cents was the only denomination ever issued, then I think the answer is self-evident: Rooms for Rent/Girls for Hire/Only 10 Cents. Now all we have to do is find that sign, and we can end the controversy.

Because of the controversy, I don't know where the price limits begin or where they end on this doozy of a chip, but for what it's worth: \$8.00 to \$15.00 if from Vegas Vic's Pioneer. \$25.00 to \$35.00 if from Pioneer Hotel. And, if proven to be only known artifactual chip from now-defunct Pioneer Hotel: \$40.00 to \$60.00.

Ten-Cent Trivia:

Of the 72 Nevada low denomination chips in my collection, the most prevalent mould is the hat and cane.

The Pit/Ely. I'm glad to end part two of this series with this chip. It's a runt-of-the-litter favorite of mine. The name of the chip, like the name of the town, is brief and to the point. It's the kind of chip you may not want, but I've got to have because its name conjures up images of my type of casino—too little and too out of the way for it to be merged with the mega-huge gaming corporations of today. I mean, if there were a merger, can you imagine a casino being called the Flamingo Pit. Or worse, the Horseshoe Pit. Or horror of horrors, the MGM Pit and Showroom.

This is a tough chip—it had to be to survive the butt burns.

For those of you unfamiliar with the days and nights when it was downright fashionable to smoke, the reason for those carcinogenic blemishes you see on some chips was not for lack of ashtrays, but because poker tables back then were no bigger than a couch potato's TV tray, forcing poker players to play armpit to armpit, thus giving six thin, or four fat, poker players just enough tabletop room for cards, chips and a pot to ante in, but no place for ashtrays. The floor was the ashtray. And smokers, ever resourceful, placed their burning butts atop their highest stack of chips, thus creating what I call the California Burn, that infamous tobacco trademark hot-ashed into the rims of so many old chips from the Golden State.

The ten-cent Pit chip illustrated here has no burned-out look, proof that survival might best be achieved by being on the bottom of the heap. Many of the other ash-burned dime chips have made a recent appearance, and the asking price is around \$20.00.

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AND EVEN MORE CHIPCOS.....



AND SOME CLOSER TO HOME.....



ONCE AROUND THE WEST:

"WESTERN WASHINGTON"

By Steve Goodrich R-306

Hi friends. A whirlwind tour around western Washington netted some much needed chips (and provided the author with a restful break in his busy schedule). I gathered so much good information that I thought I would pass it along to all of you.

As with many of the lesser-known western localities (those that are "off the beaten path" as far as collecting goes) gathering chips in Washington can be a very difficult and taxing process. Chips can not simply be bought and cashed at will like they are in Nevada, Colorado, or in the larger cardrooms of California. You have to participate for a spell in the card games in order to obtain the chips. This can be a very time consuming (not to mention expensive) procedure, especially when many clubs are visited! Let me explain further about the way cardrooms operate in Washington.

At last count, there were approximately 115 licensed cardrooms in Washington, most of them located in the western portion of the state. They range in size from single "table in the back" operations within local saloons or taverns to the attractive five table establishments one finds across the state (five being the maximum number of tables permissible by law in any one building). Authorized games include pan, player-dealt blackjack, and all legitimate forms of poker. Betting limits (\$10 max), collection fees, and closing times (2:00 a.m. every day) are also regulated by the state. Furthermore, house dealers are not allowed in any of the card games (this was the Legislature's idea and I am at a loss as to how this improves a poker game). This rule, along with the 5-table limit, are the statutes that the cardroom owners have been attempting to repeal as of late. There are also a couple of Indian casinos located within the state which do not have to adhere to the stricter regulations (as is the case with most Indian casinos around the country). Furthermore, slot machines are not legal anywhere in the state, hence no tokens are available.

During my travels across Washington I have happened upon some of the nicest establishments and the friendliest people that I have ever encountered in this industry. While one would hesitate to call them "casinos" in the full-blown Nevada sense, these businesses are typically run very professionally and would dispel any myths one might have of a "rough and tumble" western cardroom. One additional note of interest: there recently has been a major trend towards cardrooms opening in bowling alleys. Many of the clubs that I visited were situated in one. In fact, there is a particular corporation which owns several bowling alleys across the state that decided (luckily for chip collectors) that cardrooms would be very advantageous to their business. Most of the other games are located in restaurants or night clubs. Card games in taverns seem to be on the way out in Washington.

Here is a tally of the cardrooms which are currently operating in western Washington along with some illustrations of their chips. This listing encompasses the "Puget Sound" area (the region which includes Seattle, Tacoma, and their many suburbs) and the corridor of travel along Interstate-5 between Portland and Seattle. The Seattle/Tacoma area dominates the state of Washington (in regards to economics and population) and contains the majority of the state's cardrooms.

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 (formerly The Benson)
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 King Solomon's-Olympia
 (state capital)
 Last Frontier-La Center
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 (generic chips)
 Maverick-Federal Way

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Moonraker-Kent
 Narrows Plaza Bowl-Tacoma
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 New Phoenix-La Center
 Olympic Bowl-Seattle
 P J Pockets-Federal Way
 (features a new Chipco issue)
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 (formerly The Other Place)
 Paradise Village-Tacoma
 (features a new "pseudo-Chipco")
 Pastime-Bingen
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 The Pub-Tacoma
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 Tulalip (Indian) Casino-Marysville
 Vito's-Auburn
 Westpark Lanes-Bremerton
 Wojo's-Kenmore (Bothell)



Yes, I have probably missed some. These are the places that exist and offer chips. By the time you read this there may have been a half-dozen openings or closures, such is the nature of the industry. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to send them to me at P. O. Box 3162 Moscow, Idaho 83843.

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'SHEDDING SOME LIGHT ON CHIPS'

By Jim Whittaker CH-004

Several issues back, in the club magazine, club members were made aware of the fact that certain chips had marks on them that could only be seen under ULTRA VIOLET light. At the time, this discovery seemed to be passed over by collectors as an obscure and uninteresting aspect of the hobby and at the time, this may have been so. But with the opening of the LUXOR casino, and the discovery that their \$1 chips had (7) different types that could only be identified under ULTRA VIOLET light, I wondered if this was occurring with other chips. So I decided to find out.



Atlantic City is very close to me, only 16 miles away, so I thought this would be a good testing ground. With only 12 casinos currently in operation I could purchase large amounts of chips from each casino and bring them home to examine under my ULTRA VIOLET light to detect any differences.

I purchased between 20 to 50 chips of \$1, \$2.50 and \$5 denominations from each of the twelve casinos. This is actually a very small amount compared to the total chips issued by any casino, but it served my purpose.

The reactions varied on certain chips, but they had consistent reactions by chip companies. The three chip manufacturers that produce chips for Atlantic City are BUD JONES, PAULSON and CHIPCO.

BUD JONES: Many of the chips issued by this company have slight color differences. The Harrah's Trump Plaza chip is a good example. The \$1.00 chip is listed as having a color variance from red to brown. These color differences make it hard to categorize any ULTRA VIOLET types.

The main ULTRA VIOLET reaction with these chips was that older chips had a dull glow, or no glow at all, when the same denomination chip had a bright glow to either the lettering or to the main body color. This lead me to believe that these bright glow chips were newer.

CHIPCO: All CHIPCO chips issued in Atlantic City have some sort of ULTRA VIOLET marking on them. Whether it is the word "FROSTY" at the top center of the Harrah's New Years Eve \$5 chip, or the T.V. on the Caesars Race Book \$5 chip. These marks are consistent through each issue, therefore no types exist. There may be slight color differences, but this has nothing to do with ULTRA VIOLET reactions.

PAULSON: This was the big winner in my ULTRA VIOLET tests. Many of the casinos in Atlantic City have had the same issues on their tables for years, or so we thought. Actually, a lot of these chips had different reactions under the ULTRA VIOLET light.

The Paulson Co. uses their company trademark, the hat & cane, as an ultra violet marking on most of their chips. I say most, because it seems that on older chips the mark does not appear, leading me to believe that this practice was developed at a later date. Also, dif-

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RED CLIFF/ISLE VISTA \$1 CHIPCO ERROR

By Robert W. Cook R-577

The Red Cliff Indian Reservation is in the North West corner of Wisconsin, in an area called the Apostle Islands. They are at the tip of a peninsula jutting out into Lake Superior which has a number of islands just offshore. This is a popular resort area and has ferries and excursion boats to take you out to the islands.

The first time that I visited the casino was in August of 1992 when I made my first grand tour of Minnesota and Wisconsin Indian Reservations. The Isle Vista Casino is in one room added onto the bowling alley. At that time they were using chips with a horse head mold and the hot stamped initials "RCC". They were also using the "Admiral" tokens that are still being used at the nearby Bad River Casino. I purchased some of each.

I later learned that they had changed to CHIPCO chips and so I made another trip back to get a supply. The chips are very attractive and so I featured them in an ad that I ran in our club magazine and sold quite a few that way. Each denomination, \$1, \$2.50, \$5 and \$25 has an Indian Head on one side and a map of the Apostle Islands, with a red dot where the casino is located, on the other side. The \$1 chip was nominated for "Chip Of The Year" in 1992. They also had their own \$1 tokens.

I had read previous articles about CHIPCO error chips, but for some reason it never occurred to me to check these chips. After selling quite a few of them, one day I discovered that I had a \$1 chip with the map on both sides. With much excitement I checked the rest of my stock, but there was only the one specimen. I don't know if I sold anyone error chips prior to my discovery. A person who has only one example, might well think that it was intended to be the same on both sides.



I made numerous telephone calls to people at the casino to try to find more of these errors. I received various responses, but it was at least clear that they were aware of the existence of the errors. On my next trip to restock, while I was sitting at a Blackjack table, I discussed my collecting interests with the other players.

I had noticed that a woman who was playing at my table was wearing a pair of earrings that were made from \$1 chips. The discussion came around to the error chips and several of the players commented about having seen them in play on the tables. Then one player said to the woman with the earrings, "it took you quite a while to find those two, didn't it?" She responded that it had taken many weeks to find them. I looked at her earrings again and sure enough, she was wearing two double-sided Indian Head \$1 CHIPCOs which she had drilled to make into earrings.



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SHEDDING LIGHT ON CHIPS.... continued

ferent U.V. sizes and two different U.V. colors can be found. These different sizes and colors can be placed in a chronological order by comparing chip reactions with their dates of purchase.

Most of the chips in my collection are from the opening day of that casino. I would take chips from my collection and compare the reaction under ULTRA VIOLET light to the reaction of chips purchased that day. By taking this information and comparing it with chips from other casinos, that had different opening dates, a pattern can be found.

I have compiled a list of my findings and have placed the chips in order according to their issues. Many types exist with some issues that can't be seen by the naked eye. Some slight color variations can be proven by using this method also.

I have proven this information to club members for the purpose of identifying chip types that may have escaped some collectors. Some people will pass this information over as another "TYPE HYPE". All I can say is that the differences in the chips are there for the finding. An ULTRA VIOLET light can be purchased for about \$20... some even less. Casinos with the same chip on their tables may actually have issued a new chip without you knowing. Also, those .50 cent & .25 cent chips with the slight color difference can be identified under that same ULTRA VIOLET light. Don't be afraid, give it a try, what you find will amaze you.

In the future, I will be continuing this article and pass on information to club members as I receive it. Anyone who has any questions or has made a discovery, please write to me at:

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ISLE VISTA \$1 CHIPCO ERROR CONTINUED

I lost my presence of mind. I gave her one of my business cards, but didn't even think to get her name.

My requests to look through the casino's entire inventory of chips for more errors was turned down on this trip and also on a subsequent trip that I made specifically to try to look for more errors. I did however discover in the supply of chips I bought this second time, one more of the error chips; also a double map \$1 that had been drilled. Was this chip used as an earring for awhile and then put back into play?

At this point, I don't believe that it is possible to gain access to the entire stock to determine whether, or how many, error chips still exist. So maybe if you go to the Isle Vista casino you will get lucky and come away with one of them. Or, just maybe, as on my last attempt, you might come back with no errors and minus your shirt!

'FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE POND'

By Ian Sutton R-1263

Casino gaming in America certainly is booming right now; new mega-resorts in Las Vegas, dockside & cruiseship gambling and million dollar wins from Indian reserve operations. It would seem the only way is up for owners and stock holders. The golden age of the American casino is upon us.

I would like to take you back to what I regard as perhaps the golden age of British casino gambling; the 1960's. Yes, we still have our casinos. Right now there are 120 of them... 21 of which are located in London. All are licensed by the Gaming Board. Five large publicly traded companies with interests in the leisure industry control around 75% of the total.

What make the 60's so interesting is that the gambling that sprang up so quickly can actually be tied into events that happened on the world stage. Politically and socially, the late 50's and early 60's were times of great change and Britain was no exception.

It was more by accident than design that gave casinos the go ahead. An act of Parliament was passed in 1960 to enable churches and charities to raise funds through bingo & raffles. This innocent enough law though had enough loopholes to enable operations that had until then being doing business underground to come out fully into the open. Across the Atlantic at this time, Batista had fled Cuba and Castro's rebel army had taken over. Shortly after, the casinos were closed for good and the mob was looking for a new place to invest.

London, it turned out, was the perfect place.. especially as Robert Kennedy was beginning to turn up the heat in his quest against organized crime. What better than a European vacation with some lucrative business deals thrown in!!

Casinos throughout the 60's opened at a phenomenal rate. Estimates made later in the decade suggested that more than 1000 were operating nationwide, half of which were in London. Protection for the new ventures in the Capital was provided by crime syndicates that had their own designated territory.

Junkets became a common occurrence. Planeloads of enthusiastic Americans stepped off the planes at Heathrow. The men were eager to hit the tables, while the wives & girlfriends hit the shops of Oxford St. & Mayfair.

The players were taken to casinos such as the Victoria Sporting Club on Edgware Road and the Colony Club in Berkeley Square. George Raft was the celebrity host at the Colony. He proved to



"FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE POND" continued

be an attractive and debonaire front for Dino Cellini (who in England is regarded as a legend in the business) and also Meyer Lansky. A couple of decades earlier he had owned the similarly named Colonial Inn near Gulfstream Park, Florida.

The Playboy Club also opened for business in 1966 at 45 Park Lane. Under the command of Victor Lownes, it provided something for everyone with a night club, restaurant, and casino, complete with bunny croupiers.

The gaming staff at this time were extremely well paid. Many still in the trade wax lyrical at the money and gifts to be had. With all of this the British Government became alarmed. Fortunes were being made by foreigners and little if any tax was being paid. It was time to draft some new rules and regulations! In 1968 the Gaming Act was passed by Parliament. This also brought into being the Gaming Board, a group of civil servants whose job it was to seek out those breaking the law and generally sanitize the fledging business. Foreigners were effectively barred from ownership of British casinos. The Rafts, Cellinis, and a host of others, were expelled from the country as "undesireables".

Other famous casinos of the 60's you may have heard of include the Golden Nugget, Charlie Chesters, The Sportsman, Palm Beach, Crockfords, Curzon Club, and the Golden Horseshoe. Some are still open although they have changed owners on many occasions.

So what has happened to the chips and plaques from these pioneer British casinos? Some may of course have been destroyed, others could be gathering dust in vaults and storerooms. With all the many changes in ownership, loss of licenses, etc., over the last 30 years, Sherlock Holmes may be required to find the ones you want.

One more thing. Britain went decimal in 1971, so in the 60's we had 20 shillings to the pound. A low value cash chip would be 5/- (five shillings). These were commonly referred to as "dollars"! \$4 to the pound. Truly the "golden age"!



"NEWS FROM ARUBA"

By Ralph Pollack R-749

Nineteen hundred and ninety three has been an exciting year for Aruba's Casinos. Three new casinos opened within months of each other. All three of these properties have taken over previously existing Casinos.

The Casablanca Casino at the Hilton Hotel (formerly Concorde Hotel) opened in October 1993 with Hat & Cane (H&C) round inlay chips. The \$1 chip is yellow with 2 green and 2 purple inserts while the \$5 chip is red with 3 yellow/purple inserts.

The Seaport Casino on Swain Wharf downtown (formerly Harbor Town Casino) also has H&C round inlay \$1 chips with 4 orange inserts. The \$5 chip is red with a scalloped inlay.

Good news for our CHIPCO collectors. The Casino Carnavale at the Radisson (formerly Golden Tulip) has a white \$1; red \$5; and green \$25 chip. The logo contains 2 green palm trees with yellow "casino" and gray "Carnaval" printing.

The Palace Casino at the Americana Hotel closed its live poker tables about mid-1993. The former .50 cent, \$1 and \$5 chips are now obsolete?? Time will tell.....



"CHIPALANCHE" HITS WEST COAST

We were glad to hear that none of our west coast club members suffered any serious personal injury as a result of the devastating earthquakes that shook Southern California a few months ago. I've heard from the Grossblatts, who survived the quakes, but their home was totally demolished. Gene and Arlene are grateful to all those club members who contacted them offering their support and concern and are looking forward to seeing many of their friends at our Las Vegas convention. We're happy that several of our West Coaster members were able to pick up their chips and get on with their "normal" activities.

---FLASH!!! COLLECTORS IN JEOPARDY!---

New casinos open, and others change to coin-less slot machines! Think of it. No new tokens and maybe chips to collect. This could become a reality!

Coin-less machines are in use as you read this article. The Indian reservation casinos in California are using a new modified slot machine. The Desert Inn in Las Vegas, before it was sold to the Sheraton, was testing such a machine. The new Luxor and Treasure Island both have bill receptors on each machine. Many Nevada casinos are introducing this "convenience" to players. **We must WAKEUP!** We have been so conditioned to the easy, convenient, quick shortcuts in today's society that we fail to recognize the obvious. Add to this, the "Something for Nothing" approach and the American Public is hooked.

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The second, Bill Receptors and Credit Receipts. When you deposit your bill, be it a one, five, ten or twenty, the machines automatically indicate your credits. With another simple retrofit, when the cash out button is pushed the player receives a receipt indicating the dollar value of the payout. This is the system in use in California and tested in Nevada. Of course, your slot-club card can continue to be used to build player credits. This receipt is then given to the cashier who exchanges it for cash. Simple, quick, convenient, coin and token free.

Combine both these techniques, and there is a deadly "Big Brother Tracking System". Not only the casino, but Uncle Sam, via the Internal Revenue Service, would know exactly which casinos you visit, how often, and how much money is spent and/or won.

The Benefits: To the Customer; **NONE** except convenience.

To the Government; A handle on gaming taxes, all jackpots large and small would be accounted for, the elimination of token scattering

and counterfeiting, a reduced production in coinage issuance, elimination of controls, and with casino gaming spreading throughout the nation, the enforcement of federal token regulations. Cost cutting? No, there would be a need for additional auditors and new enforcement officers.

To the Casino; Would eliminate the need for change personnel, would eliminate the need for large amounts of heavy coin, would eliminate the need for expensive counting and rolling machines, would eliminate personnel in counting rooms, would eliminate the expense for tokens and maybe even chips, would free up space for additional machines or tables. The customer would be more likely to play off credits instead of cashing them in. All these would increase bottom line profits.

To the Gaming Related Industries; Slot Machine Manufactures could introduce new machines, paper companies production would shift from coin roller paper to safety paper receipt rolls, plastic card companies would have increased production, and of course, the computer industry would continue to become more sophisticated with the built in tracking systems necessary.

The Hazards: To the Customer; Travel and gaming habits would become a matter of state and national record, the thrill of winning and the joy of hearing a payout drop would be eliminated.

To the Collector; Our hobby would become obsolete.

To the Government; **NONE**, unless gaming revenue ceased.

To the Casino; **NONE**, unless the casual gamer or tourist arrives only to take in the sights and non-gaming activities, leaving the "hard-core" gamblers as their only patrons.

To the Casino Employees; Many jobs eliminated, replaced with but a few clerical positions.

To the Chip and Token Manufactures; Except in rare instances most would go out of business, due to current lack of internal and gaming enforcement controls.

The Solutions: **COLLECTORS AND AMERICA WAKE UP!** We must not use the slot-club cards obtained in order to enhance our collections. We must not use the bill receptors attached to machines, even if it is an inconvenience to go to the cashier or find a change person. We must make our feelings known to the casinos and governments, that we will not once again be duped by the promises of free items and convenience thereby relinquishing more of our basic rights as citizens of this once great country. We do not wish to become puppets dancing on the IRS and Big Business strings!

WE CAN NOT LET THIS HAPPEN!! WE MUST NOT BE CONDITIONED TO THIS CONCEPT!! DO NOT LET THE CURRENT EXCEPTION BECOME THE RULE!! THINK ABOUT IT!!

DON & JEAN, GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS

"CHIPS 'N TOKENS UPDATE"

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

HELLO ONCE AGAIN. UNBELIEVABLE THREE MONTHS ARE GONE ALREADY AND IT'S TIME TO BRING THE INFORMATION SO VERY MANY MEMBERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TOGETHER TO SHARE WITH ALL.

NOTES FROM LAST TIME: THE \$1 CAESARS PALACE CHIP IS AVAILABLE ONLY ON THE CARRIBEAN STUD TABLES AND THEY ARE NOT EASY TO OBTAIN. THERE IS ALSO A SET OF OVERSIZE BACCARAT CHIPS AT CAESARS PALACE INCLUDING \$5 & \$20 WITH SAME INLAY DESIGN AS REGULAR CHIPS. SO FAR NO REPORT ON ANY NEW \$1 CHIPS AT BARBARY COAST LV.

I WOULD ASSUME BY NOW EVERYONE IN THE WORLD MUST BE AWARE OF ALL THE GOODIES AT THE GREAT NEW MGM GRAND. WE WERE EVEN PRIVILEGED TO BE IN ATTENDANCE FOR OPENING DEC. 18, 1993. REGULAR SET OF CHIPS ARE BUD JONES \$1-\$5-\$25- (ALL THE WAY UP TO HIGHER THAN I CAN COUNT). DECAL CENTER HAS LION LOGO. GRAND OPENING \$5 BJ CHIP HAS STLYIZED DRAWING LION LOGO DATED DEC. 1993. SET OF OVERSIZE BACCARAT CHIPS STARTING AT \$5, SAME DESIGN AS REGULAR CHIPS. IN THE MONTE CARLO CASINO SECTION THERE IS A FRENCH ROULETTE TABLE THAT HAS EUROPEAN STYLE ACRYLIC CHIPS & PLAQUES. THE \$5 GRAY, \$10 BLUE, AND \$20 RED ARE REGULAR ROUND CHECKS, HIGHER VALUES ARE PLAQUES. AT END OF JANUARY 1994 MGM GRAND ISSUED A \$5 BJ CHIP TO COMMEMORATE THE CHAVEZ/RANDALL BOXING MATCH, DATED "1-29-94"

GOLDEN NUGGET, DOWNTOWN LV, HAS NEW \$1 CHIP. SAME COLORS AS BEFORE, BUT WITH NEW CENTER INLAY LOGO LIKE \$5 & \$25; HACIENDA, LV DISCONTINUED USE OF \$2.50 CHIP AND ISSUED NEW \$1 WITH ROSE LOGO ON CI, SAME COLORS AS BEFORE. THEY HAVE ALSO PUT BACK INTO PLAY SOME OF THE OLDER \$5 H&C CHIPS WITH THE OCTAGON METAL CENTER THAT WERE THOUGHT TO BE OBSOLETE; LAS VEGAS HILTON NOW HAS REGULAR CHIPCOS TO COMPLIMENT THEIR \$5 SERIES OF STARLIGHT EXPRESS CHIPCOS. REGULAR VALUES ARE \$1-\$25 AND UP, VERY PLAIN DESIGN.

TROPICANA LV ISSUED NEW PAULSON "FULL GRAPHICS" PICTURE CHIP FOR "SUPER BOWL XXVIII"; ANOTHER OF THE VARIETY CHIPS HAS BEEN DISCOVERED, GOLD STRIKE HOTEL, JEAN HAS \$1.00 H&C BGE--HS CHIP WITH ZEROS. CHIP IN PLAY NOW HAS NO ZEROS. IT HAS BEEN REPORTED THAT NEVADA LANDING, JEAN ALSO HAD \$1.00 WITH ZEROS, BUT WE WERE UNABLE TO FIND ANY STILL IN PLAY.





HARRAH'S, LAU \$5 CHIPCO "1994 NEW YEARS BASH"; FLAMINGO HILTON, RENO (BY THE TIME YOU READ THIS) WILL HAVE 3 NEW CHIPCOS FOR A CELEBRITY SERIES: (1)ELVIS (2) MADONNA & (3) SAMMY DAVIS, JR; CARSON VALLEY INN, MINDEN \$5 CHIPCO 1994 COLLECTORS SERIES WITH ANIMALS/BIRDS; RED LION MOTEL HAS CHANGED NAME TO GOLD COUNTRY MOTOR INN (RED LION INN & CASINO ACROSS THE STREET REMAINS THE SAME). THE NEW GOLD COUNTRY HAS \$5 BJ RED 4 LT GRN--BRASS MI CHIP & (1993) LM BRASS TOKEN.

THERE WAS AN ERROR IN REPORTING THE LUCKY CLUB, YERINGTON CHIPS OBSOLETE. IT SEEMS WHEN THERE IS A BAND IN THE CASINO THE 21 TABLE IS TAKEN OUT TO MAKE MORE ROOM. AT OTHER TIMES THE TABLE IS PUT BACK AND CHIPS ARE IN PLAY. MOST OF THE TIME THE \$5 LRG KEY CHIPS ARE STILL AVAILABLE.

NOW, AS ALWAYS, THERE ARE TOKENS----AT MGM GRAND THERE ARE EIGHT (8) ONE DOLLAR TOKENS: "BOYD THE BIRD" SMALL MM; "DINA" LRG MM; "KING LOOEY" LARGE & SMALL MM; "LOOEY, JR" LRG MM; "PROF. FRED. OWLINI" LRG MM; "WACK E. WOLFE" SMALL MM; AND "WIZZO" LARGE & SMALL MM. \$5 TOKEN-ANTIQUE BRASS. ALL ARE DATED 1993 ON RIM, MINT MARK (MM) IS GDC.

THEN THERE IS A SET OF 8 BRASS \$1 TOKENS WITH THE SAME 8 CHARECTERS AS ABOVE THAT ARE "SALTED" IN THE MACHINES AND "DROP OUT" AS YOU PLAY REGULAR DOLLAR TOKENS. THERE IS A SPECIAL COIN COLLECTORS FOLDER THAT IS GIVEN AWAY BY THE CASINO THAT HOLDS THE REGULAR SET OF 8 TOKENS PLUS THE BRASS SET OF 8 TOKENS. THE BRASS WACK E. WOLFE IS NOT EASY TO FIND AND THE BRASS DINA IS NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE. BIRD, KING, JR, LUCEY, OWL, & WIZZO BRASS WERE MINTED 30,000 EACH, WOLFE 15,000 AND DINA ONLY 10,000. THE COMPLETE SET ALREADY IN THE HOLDER COULD BE PURCHASED IN THE GIFT SHOP IN "PROOF-LIKE" CONDITION, BUT FOR A PRETTY HEFTY PRICE. THERE WERE TO BE ONLY 1,000 OF THESE SETS MADE UP, THE REST ALL GO INTO THE MACHINES. THE BRASS TOKENS CANNOT ACTUALLY BE PLAYED IN THE MACHINE, THEY JUST DROP THRU. AFTER RECEIVING ONE IT IS EITHER KEPT AS A SOUVENIR OR TURNED IN TO A CASHIER FOR THE ONE DOLLAR VALUE.

NEXT, LIKE THE BJ CHIP, THERE WAS A BRASS \$1 TOKEN FOR THE CHAVEZ/RANDALL BOXING MATCH, HAVING 2 VARITIES: FULLY REEDED AND PART REEDED. ALSO A BRASS \$5 TOKEN FOR SUPER BOWL SUNDAY DATED "JANUARY 30, 1994". AGAIN BOTH OF THESE TOKENS WERE NOT PLAYED IN THE MACHINES, BUT JUST PURCHASED AT DESIGNATED CHANGE WINDOWS. THESE TWO CARRY THE MINT MARK "CC", WHICH IS CONTINENTAL COIN. (MORE INFORMATION ON THIS NEXT TIME).





THEN WE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT ONE OF THE EAGERLY AWAITED CHIPCO "TOKENS" WOULD BE ISSUED AT BALLY'S, LV. AS IT TURNED OUT IT WAS ONLY AN "EXPERIMENTAL" ISSUE AND AGAIN THESE "TOKENS" COULD NOT BE RE-PLAYED IN THE MACHINE WHEN THEY "DROPPED" OUT, BUT HAD TO BE TURNED IN TO A CASHIER FOR THE ONE DOLLAR VALUE OR KEPT AS A SOUVENIR. HERE IT SEEMS CASINO EMPLOYEES CONFISCATED THEM AS SOON AS THEY CAME OUT AND THERE ARE ONLY A VERY, VERY FEW THAT GOT TO COLLECTORS OUTSIDE THE CASINO. AT THIS TIME IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ISSUE AT BALLY'S AND IF THERE IS WE ARE TOLD IT WILL HAVE A NEW DESIGN.

IT APPEARS THERE WAS ALSO A VERY SHORT EXPERIMENTAL ISSUE OF CT COLOR TOKENS AT HARRAH'S, LV AND NONE OF THESE GOT OUT TO COLLECTORS, INCLUDING YOURS TRULY!

RIO SUITES, LV \$1 & \$5 1993 CT, \$5 IS BRASS. BOTH ARE SAME DESIGN AS BEFORE; LAS VEGAS HILTON IS ANOTHER RE-USE OF AN OLD DIE-(1993)/1989 CT ON BLOCK OF METAL; FLAMINGO HILTON, LV 1993 LM--BUT--THERE ARE 3 TYPES: TYPE I LARGE LM, TYPE II SMALL-THICK LM, & TYPE III SMALL-THIN LM; BOARDWALK, LV \$1 (1994) NCM; HACIENDA, LV \$1 1994 NCM; VIRGIN RIVER, MESQUITE \$5 (1993) NCM BRASS. PRIMADONNA, JEAN \$10 (1993) CT ANTIQUE BRASS, BI-WING PLANE; WHISKEY PETE'S, JEAN \$10 CT ANTIQUE BRASS HOTEL TOWER

RENO HILTON RESORT (1992) NCM \$1 TOKEN THAT WAS REPORTED AS COIN ALIGN-MEDAL ALIGN, HAS NOW BEEN FOUND TO BE A ROTATED DIE, THEREFORE NO TRUE MEDAL ALIGN TOKEN EXISTS. THE BOOMTOWN, VERDI TRUCK STOP (1992) LM TOKEN HAS BEEN FOUND WITH PART REEDED AND FULL REEDED EDGE.

BAR TOKENS FINALLY SEEM TO BE SLOWING DOWN---A LITTLE! NEW FOR LAS VEGAS ARE: FIRESIDE LOUNGE, FIZZERS (BRASS), FINNEGANS PUB 6000 S EASTERN, OFFICE BAR #5, ONE EYED JACKS-NELLIS, SUBURBAN WEST, CASSIDY'S, CHUCKSTERS & THE CAVE. THERE IS A SERENE 5 LOUNGE TOKEN FOR 2354 E BONANZA (THIS LOCATION NOT OPEN YET) THAT IS IN THE RACKS AT SERENE II LOUNGE 545 E SAHARA. ALWAYS SOMETHING NEW AND DIFFERENT! SCOUNDREL'S PUB II, 4850 CAMINO A1 NORTE, NLV. AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST, ANOTHER BAR TOKEN IN TINY CARLIN, NEV: CEE GEE'S SALOON (1993) CT.

COLORADO: BLACKHAWK: COLORADO CENTRAL STATION OPEN 12-93. \$1 & \$5 CHIPCO, \$1 & \$5 TOKENS 1993 LM; BLACKHAWK STATION NOW HAS \$5 CHIPCO; RED DOLLY ADDED \$5 TOKEN 1994 NCM BRASS SAME DESIGN AS \$1; HARRAH'S BLHK OPENED 12-93 WHERE HORSESHOE WAS TO BE. \$1 & \$5 CHIPCO MULTI COLOR WITH PINE TREES, \$1 & \$5 TOKENS (1993) OPM. NOTE: OPM-OLDE



PHILADELPHIA MINT WAS JANI MINT. CRACKER FACTORY CLOSED 12-93, LILLY BELLE'S CLOSED 2-18-94.

CENTRAL CITY: HARRAH'S TAKES OVER GLORY HOLE 12-93, ALL NEW CHIPS AND TOKENS. \$1 & \$5 CHIPCO MULTI COLOR WITH MOUNTAIN PEAKS, \$1 & \$5 TOKENS (1993) GDC; TELLER HOUSE REMOVED ALL TABLES, ALL CHIPS OBSOLETE; LADY LUCK STILL USING \$1 & \$5 GOLD COIN TOKENS.

CRIPPLE CREEK: DIAMOND LIL'S CLOSED 12-93; ELK CREEK CLOSED TO RE-MODEL 12-93; VIRGIN MULE REPORTED CLOSED LAST TIME WAS AN ERROR. IT IS STILL OPEN BUT HAS REMOVED DOLLAR SLOTS AND IS IN CRCK NOT CNCY AS REPORTED (I REALLY MESSED THAT ONE UP!)

DEADWOOD, SOUTH DAKOTA: THERE IS A \$1 TOKEN AT SILVER DOLLAR THAT HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED BEFORE-1991 CT, DESIGN SAME AS 1990; THE ORIGINAL \$1 CHIP AT FRANKLIN HOTEL, H&C WHT, CLOVER STEM TO "RIGHT" HAS BEEN REPORTED WITH 3 COLOR VARIATIONS (1) LIGHT GREEN CLOVER BOTH SIDES, (2) DARK GREEN CLOVER BOTH SIDES, & (3) LIGHT GREEN ONE SIDE, DARK GREEN OTHER SIDE; THERE IS A \$25 CHIPCO AVAILABLE AT GOLD DUST; STILL NO WORD ON THE NEW CHIPCOS AT B.B.CODY'S.

CALIFORNIA: THERE IS A .25 CHIP AT PALOMAR CARD CLUB, SAN DIEGO IN THEIR NEW BUD JONES SET, LAV 3 YEL--BLK LAV WHT CI.

INDIAN CASINOS: THE BIG NEWS THIS TIME COMES FORM FLORIDA! THE FLORIDA INDIANS HAVE INSTALLED POKER ROOMS IN THEIR BINGO HALLS!! CHIPS-CHIPS-CHIPS!! SEMINOLE BINGO PALACE, TAMPA CHANGED NAME TO SEMINOLE GAMING PALACE, OPENED POKER ROOM 12-10-93 AND HAS A WHOLE SET OF CHIPCOS. .25 BLU, .50 YEL, \$1 WHT "GRAND OPENING", \$1 WHT, & \$5 RED "GRAND OPENING" (NO \$5 WITHOUT GRAND OPENING YET); ON 3-10-94 A SECOND SEMINOLE GAMING PALACE OPENED AT IMMOKALEE, FLA. WITH SAME STYLE SET OF CHIPCOS, BUT ALL DIFFERENT BASE COLORS. .25 ORANGE, .50 LAVENDER, \$1 "GRAND OPENING" TAN & \$5 "GRAND OPENING" DARK MAROON.

ACROSS THE STATE AT MIAMI, THE MICCOSUKEE BINGO CASINO HAS NEW .25 H&C DK BLU-HS AND \$1 WHT-RED BLK WHT CI CHIPS; AT HOLLYWOOD, FLA. SEMINOLE BINGO HAS ALSO OPENED POKER ROOM. ALL ADS SAY "SEMINOLE POKER CASINO", BUT CHIPS SAY ONLY "SEMINOLE BINGO HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA". ODDLY ENOUGH, THESE CHIPS HAVE THE SAME DESIGN CENTER INLAY AND RIM MOLD AS A NEW CASINO THAT OPENED IN ST. MAARTEN, N.A. CALLED "LIGHTNING BINGO/CASINO". ALL HAVE SAME CI, BLK YEL SIL (THE YELLOW IS A LIGHTNING BOLT), MOLD IS DICE & CARDS-





.25 ROYAL BLU 3 WHT, .50 MUSTARD 3 RED, \$1 CREAM 4 TURQ, & \$5 MARDON 6 BLK.

CYPRESS BAYOU CASINO, FIRST INDIAN CASINO IN LOUISIANA, OPEN 12-93 AT CHARENTON, LA. \$1 & \$5 (1993) CT TOKENS. SLOTS ONLY AT THIS TIME, LIVE GAMES REPORTED TO BE COMING JUNE OR JULY 1994; DESERT DIAMOND CASINO NEAR TUCSON, ARIZONA DOLLAR SLOTS 1993 CT; BARONA CARD ROOM NEAR SAN DIEGO, CALIF. A \$5 CHIPCO, MULTI BLUE, "BARONA BIG TOP" "WORLD'S LARGEST CASINO UNDER CANVAS" "1993". BARONA HAS ALSO CHANGED THEIR .50 CHIP TO HRS HDS RT DK ORG--HS AND \$1 TO TRI & CLUB DK GRN 4 BLK--RED BRN WHT CI.

GRAND CASINO-HINCKLEY AND GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS IN MINNESOTA HAVE MATCHING \$5 CHIPCOS FOR (NEW YEARS) "1994"; MYSTIC LAKE CASINO PRIOR LAKE, MINN ADDED \$10 SLOTS, (1994) (OPM) TOKENS; JACKPOT JUNCTION MORTON, MINN NEW \$1 TOKEN (1994) GDC BRASS.

IN WISCONSIN: ONEIDA INDIANS GREEN BAY OPENED ALL NEW CASINO COMPLEX 10-15-93. NEW CHIPS ARE "ONEIDA CASINO" BUD JONES .50-\$1-\$5 WITH CENTER INLAY. OLD "IST AMERICAN GAMES" CHIPS ARE ALL OBSOLETE. SET OF 4 NEW \$1 TOKENS (1) BEAR (2) EAGLE (3) TURTLE & (4) WOLF. THE \$5 SLOTS ARE ONLY IN THE NEW BUILDING AND TOKENS HAVE THE EAGLE ON THEM. THESE TOKENS ARE DATED 1994 EVEN THOUGH THE CASINO DID OPEN IN DEC. 1993; GOLDEN NICKEL CASINO, BARABOO NEW ADDITION OPEN 12-93. CHIPS ARE H&C WITH YEL BLK RED WHT CI, \$1 LT BLU 4 GRN, \$2.50 PNK 2 LRG BLK, & \$5 RED 3 PCH/DK GRY/LT BLU. TOKENS WERE NOT CHANGED.

RAINBOW CASINO, NEKOOSA ALSO A NEW ADDITION OPEN 12-93 WITH ALL NEW CHIPS. ALL H&C WITH SAME MULTI COLOR CI, .50 GRY, \$1 DK BLU 2 LRG GLD, \$5 RED 1 EACH YEL, DK BLU, & GRN. \$1 TOKENS WERE NOT CHANGED AND NO \$5 MACHINE WAS INSTALLED, SO STILL NO \$5 TOKENS HERE; NEW 1994 \$1 CT TOKEN AT KEWADIN CASINOS, SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN (ALL THE NEAT COPPER TOKENS ARE GONE HERE).

RIVERBOATS: THIS SEEMS TO BE WHERE THE MOST ACTION HAS BEEN FOR THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WILL BE MUCH MORE TO COME.

LOUISIANA: PLAYERS RIVERBOAT CASINO LAKE CHARLES, LA NEAR TEXAS BORDER, OPEN 12-11-93. REGULAR CHIPS ARE H&C WITH BLK RED GLD WHT CI, \$1 BGE 2 BLU 2 BRT PNK, \$5 RED 4 YEL/LAV/YEL, & \$25 DK GRN 3 LT ORG/OLV. THEN THERE ARE TWO(2) \$5 CHIPCO, THE REVERSE SIDE OF THESE TWO CHIPS ARE ALMOST IDENTICAL, EXCEPT ONE SAYS "GRAND OPENING DEC 1993"





AND THE OTHER "CONTRABAND DAYS 1994". THE OBVERSE ON THE GRAND OPENING HAS THE RIVERBOAT AND FOR CONTRABAND DAYS IT HAS "MARDI GRAS" AND PARTY PEOPLE. TOKENS ARE .25-\$1-\$5 (1993) GDC; HILTON'S QUEEN OF NEW ORLEANS, NEW ORLEANS, LA OPEN 2-10-94 WITH \$1 & \$5 CHIPCO, \$1 & \$5 (1994) GDC TOKENS



MISSISSIPPI: LADY LUCK BILOXI OPEN 12-13-93, \$1-\$2.50-\$5 CHIPCO, \$1-\$5 (1993) GDC TOKENS; GRAND CASINO BILOXI OPEN 1-17-94, \$1-\$2.50-\$5 CHIPCO, ALSO A \$5 "GRAND OPENING" CHIPCO. \$1-\$5 CT TOKENS ARE DATED 1993; ISLE OF CAPRI BILOXI ADDED \$2 & \$10 TOKENS (1994) GDC BOTH BRASS; JUBILEE CASINO, LAKESHORE OPEN 1-13-94, \$5 "GRAND OPENING" CHIPCO DATED "1993". REGULAR CHIPS ARE HRS HDS RT--BLK RED YEL WHT CI: \$1 OFF WHT, \$5 DK RED 4 YEL. \$1-\$5 GDC TOKENS ALSO DATED 1993



HARRAH'S VICKSBURG OPEN 12-93, \$1 \$2.50-\$5 H&C CHIPS (SAME DESIGN AS HARRAH'S TUNICA), \$1 & \$5 GDC TOKENS; COTTON CLUB, GREENVILLE OPEN 12-13-93, \$1-\$2.50-\$5 BUD JONES CI CHIPS, .25-\$1-\$5 (1993) GDC TOKENS.



TUNICA: BALLY'S SALOON & GAMBLING HALL OPEN 12-13-93, CHIPS ARE \$1 HOUSE MOLD WHT 2 ORG 2 GRY--BLK RED CRM CI & \$2.50 HOUSE MOLD PNK 1 LRG GRN 1 LRG LAV--BLK RED CRM CI. THE \$5 CHIP IS A COMPLETELY NEW DESIGN PAULSON CHIP (SEE VOL 7 #1, PAGE 44 CHIP #2) ALLOWING THE CENTER INLAY PICTURE TO SPREAD OUT OVER THE TOP OF THE TRADITIONAL EDGE MOLD (IN THIS CASE THE BALLY'S HOUSE MOLD). MULTI COLOR PICTURE ON RED CHIP WITH 2 GRY 2 DK BLU EDGE INSERTS. LOOK OUT CHIPCO, PAULSON IS NOW MOVING IN ON THE COLLECTOR MARKET. THIS ONE IS REALLY A COLORFUL, NEAT LOOKING COLLECTORS PIECE. TOKENS HERE ARE \$1 & \$5 GDC



HARRAH'S TUNICA OPEN 12-3-93 \$1 & \$5 H&C CHIPS (SAME DESIGN AS HARRAH'S VICKSBURG), WITH ADDED \$5 CHIPCO "GRAND OPENING", TOKENS ARE \$1 & \$5 GDC; LADY LUCK TUNICA OPEN 9-18-93 \$1 & \$5 H&C CHIPS HAVE EXACT SAME COLOR AND INSERTS AS LADY LUCK NATCHEZ. TOKENS ARE \$1 & \$5 GDC, SAME DESIGN AS LADY LUCK BILOXI AND LADY LUCK NATCHEZ; JACKPOT ENTERPRISES OF LAS VEGAS AND PRESIDENT CASINO RIVERBOATS OF IOWA FORMED PARTNERSHIP TO OPEN PRESIDENT CASINO AT KINGS LANDING, TUNICA, \$1-\$2.50-\$5 H&C CHIPS WITH OVERSIZE CENTER INLAY (ANOTHER RECENT PAULSON DEVELOPMENT). \$1 TOKENS ARE SET OF 4 (1993) CT: (1) BANJO PLAYER (2) BOY ON RAFT (3) GAMBLER (4) LADY WITH PARASOL, \$5 IS (1993) CT ANTIQUE BRASS WITH BOAT.



SPLASH CASINO HAS \$5 CHIPCO FOR 1993 FIRST ANNIVERSARY;



SOUTHERN BELLE, RIVERBEND (NEAR TUNICA) OPEN 2-19-94 IS SISTER SHIP TO BILOXI BELLE. \$1-\$2.50-\$5 H&C OVERSIZE CENTER INLAY CHIPS, .25-.50-\$1-\$2-\$5(1994) GDC TOKENS.

ILLINOIS: CASINO QUEEN, EAST ST. LOUIS ADDS .50 CHIP, HOUSE MOLD DULL YEL 4 GRN--BLK GRN WHT CI; HOLLYWOOD CASINO, AURORA CHANGED COLOR OF \$1 BJ CHIP FROM WHT/LAV TO WHT/TURQ (ORIGINAL CHIPS ARE OBSOLETE); SILVER EAGLE, GALENA IS LATEST TO ADD NICKEL TOKENS-.05 (1994) RWM BRASS.

IOWA: MISSISSIPPI BELLE II ADDED .25 CHIP, H&C DK MAROON--HS INITIALS ONLY "MBII", ALSO ADDED .05 TOKEN DATED 1993 GDC.

CRUISE SHIP-CRUISE TO NOWHERE. THESE SEEM TO BE APPEARING IN PLACES OTHER THAN FLORIDA. LATEST BEING SAVANNAH, GEROGIA. THE SAVANNAH LADY MADE FIRST CRUISE 10-93 FROM THE DOCK DOWNTOWN AT HYATT REGENCY. CHIPS ARE PLAIN EDGE WITH CENTER INLAY, \$1 OFF WHT 3 GRY, \$2.50 MRN 3 ORG, & \$5 RED 3 BLK, CI IS--GRN RED ORG WHT ON ALL. TOKENS ARE .25-\$1-\$5 (1993) CT.

AND THERE YOU HAVE IT FOR ANOTHER QUARTER. THIS SHOULD GIVE YOU LOTS TO LOOK FOR!!

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO EACH MEMBER THAT TOOK TIME TO LET ME KNOW WHAT THEY HAVE BEEN FINDING. WITHOUT THIS HELP MY UPDATE WOULD NOT EXIST. THERE ARE SO MANY MEMBERS THAT MENTION HOW HELPFUL THIS INFORMATION IS, THAT ALL OF YOU THAT HELP ME GATHER IT, NEED TO KNOW THERE ARE MANY THAT APPRECIATE YOUR TIME IN KEEPING ME INFORMED.

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



SO YOU HAVE THEM ALL!!

By Bob Gaarder R-304

Since gambling became legal in Colorado, October 1, 1991; about a dozen of my "Colorado glimpses" (as Archie calls them) have appeared in your quarterly magazine, thanks to the encouragement by Janice O'Neal and Archie Black. The response to the last article.... "The Ten Rarest Colorado Chips".... was so great however, that I thought it deserved an encore.

First of all, I would like to mention that since my "10 Rarest" article was written I have learned that two of the chips, the Gold Rush and the Independence, both from Cripple Creek, and the Claim Jumper in Black Hawk are not as rare as I made them out to be and probably do not belong in the top ten.

Chips and tokens once thought to be rare (the Brass Ass \$5 token for example) are no longer rare. This can be due to a variety of circumstances. Also, the word "obsolete" is sometimes misused. To me, the chips or tokens are not obsolete until I am sure that all of them have been destroyed after they have been discontinued (as required by the Colorado Gaming Commission). Once in awhile, when talking about chips and tokens with other collectors, they will mention that they have all of Cripple Creek but need a few from Black Hawk or Central City, or perhaps they will say, "I only need one or two more then I will have them all".

Since gambling became legal in Colorado there have been almost 100 casinos open and many closed. Each establishment has issued up to eight different chips or tokens. Total items out there number into the hundreds. Perhaps someone with more of a statistical mind can come up with an approximate number? My point is that there are so many, that there are always a few which collectors do not know exist. A few examples are in order.

The first gambling related pieces in Colorado gambling modern history was circulated in the Fall of 1990, prior to the election in November of that year which legalized gambling. The item was a wooden nickel which read, "Vote Yes On 4" (the number of the gambling amendment) "ALWAYS BET ON COLORADO". On the other side, "Vote Yes On 4" "Collectors Chip". This side has a vignette of a prospector and his donkey.



Then on October 1, 1991, the first casinos opened. One of the original casinos was the Phenix House of Cripple Creek. I visited it on October 2nd, and while purchasing some of the chips and tokens I noticed a sign by the cashiers cage which read, "Special Issue .999 fine silver tokens \$20 each". I thought that \$20 was a little steep for one ounce of silver so I passed them up. But after thinking it over, I decided to buy one on my

"SO YOU HAVE THEM ALL??".... continued

next trip which was about a week later. Of course by that time they had all been sold and I learned that it was a very limited edition of only 100 tokens, most of them being purchased by casino owners and employees. Speaking of the Phenix House, how many of you have the original \$5 chip made from the 4 card suit Bud Jones mold?



Another series which some collectors do not know about are five gold plated \$1 slot tokens from Black Hawk and Central City. The rarest of these are from the Gregory Street and Dillons Double Eagle... mintage of only 100 each per establishment. The Crystal Carousel also had a gold plated edition which was not used in machines, but I am not certain of the mintage. The Glory Hole and the Gold Coin also had gold plated pieces. However, these were used for special promotions and were found in slot machine jackpots. Therefore, the condition on these tokens are not as pristine as the others.

By now I think you get the idea. These small mintage pieces turn up now and then and are sold before the general public knows about them. So, in closing, if someone would sell me a WILD CARD CASINO, ROYAL FLUSH SALOON \$1 & \$5 chip, then.... I WILL HAVE THEM ALL??



SIMULATED CHIP ALERT

Another attractive, but deceptive, collectors chip is being offered through the mails for sale at inflated prices and/or trades. The set of "Indian Series" chips illustrated below with the latest "oversized inlays style" is currently being solicited to unsuspecting, unknowledgeable, collectors. If you are happy paying up to \$15 - \$20 each, I can't tell you not to purchase them at those prices.... all I can do is let you know that they are "simulated" chips and let the buyer beware. These chips are not casino chips but were made for "home use card games" as a private issue and are readily available through "legitimate" retail dealers for around \$2 to \$4 each.





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On the facing page is an advertisement that proceeded the grand opening of the Sunset Club on August 29, 1931. After visiting the Nevada Historical Society research library and speaking with some of the old timers in the Society, I was able to get an in-depth background of the history of the Sunset Club. On March 3, 1932, the establishment changed owners and also changed its name to the Sunset Pavillion. In July 1932, the establishment was sold once again and renamed the Sunset Club. In 1933 the club failed to renew its license and was closed forever.

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'CHIPPIN' VIA ELECTRONICS'

By Phyllis Phlegar (Day)

It was a night like any other night, in the Autumn of 1993. I was on the computer service called National Videotex Network, or "NVN" for short. I was cruising the coin forum when suddenly, there is a public message about.... gasp!.... casino chips! Casino chips?? Folks collect these little bits of, what are they, plastic or something? The message was signed by "Michael the Chipper." There were other messages too! Apparently, this fellow had just returned from someplace called Bellflower where a bunch of chip collectors actually got together and bought, sold, and traded these things. Gee, people really will collect anything, I thought. In the weeks that followed, I read with curiosity, these notes from this "Michael the Chipper" person and figured he must be a kid or something to have such unbridled enthusiasm. This sort of messaging isn't unusual by people of all ages; after all, NVN is a public on-line service and anyone can join a forum and post publically. In fact, I am an assistant in another NVN forum called HOBBY.

It was because of HOBBY that I ended up in an area called "The Chat Club." I was looking for my "boss" in HOBBY (she's called a "sysop" which stands for system operator, and I am her assistant "sysop"). She wanted to talk to me, and mentioned that she might be in CHAT. In "CHAT," you can talk live to several people at the same time. You can also do that in any forum, but the "Chat Club" is easier, and folks gather there to talk about literally everything. So who should send me a "live" message out of the blue, but this "Michael the Chipper" person. Here's how some of the conversation went.....

Chipper: "You mean you've never even seen a casino chip? You should try chip collecting, it is really fun but very addictive."

Phyllis: "Hmm, chip collecting, I don't think it's for me."

Chipper: "I think you'll be surprised. Where are you? How old are you?"

Phyllis: "I'm in Colorado, and I'm ...40!"

Chipper: "Well, I'm a bit older than you, and I wish I were near a casino! You have them all around you, if you are up for a little driving."

Seriously folks, the conversation wasn't exactly like that but you get the idea. So this guy "Michael the Chipper" wasn't a kid, he was an old geezer in training. Hmmm, I began to wonder about this chip collecting.

The next morning I took my first trip to Cripple Creek. I parked my car right next to the Jubilee and went inside. It was there that I saw, held, and had to have, my first casino chip! Wow, it was really pretty, like a little painting and it felt so good in my hand! There were tokens too! This was even more



fun than coin collecting! I was hooked.

Since that first mind-boggling trip to Cripple Creek, I've been back several times and even took several long drives up to Black Hawk and Central City. So I turned back to my coin collecting resources and tried to find other chip collectors on-line. I posted public messages on NVN, on Prodigy, on Delphi, Compuserve and America On-Line. I didn't just post in coin areas, I posted in the "collectibles" and "all others" areas, hoping to find other chip collectors on line. In the meantime, I spent a lot of time on NVN chatting live with that fellow "Michael the Chipper." He made things worse, sending me an occasional package of lovely and interesting chips, plus my own copy of "The Gaming Table!" I also went to the library at the American Numismatic Association where I found old issues of the CC>CC's "Chip & Token News" and talked the Librarian into ordering a few new chip and token books, including "The Chip Rack."

Withing a few months I discovered that the most active chip collecting group was on Prodigy. It was there that I met lots of other chippers who were most eager to swap my Colorado chips for their chips from all over the place. And they all knew this "Michael the Chipper" person, too, and.... they liked him! Well heck, by this time, so did I.

There are a few chip collectors on NVN, Compuserve and America On-Line but by far the most active group is on Prodigy. Prodigy is known as the most "user friendly" of all the services, which means it is relatively easy to use, with lots of graphics. But it can be slow and potentially expensive in comparison to other services. However, Prodigy is available all day and night, for the same hourly rate.

Another service that is getting a few more chippers is NVN. NVN is more expensive during the day than at night and early morning and they use only "text" with no graphics which can sometimes be a bit tricky to use. But it is not really that difficult once you get the hang of it. NVN is fast, flexible and can be relatively inexpensive. Both NVN and Prodigy have a special area set aside just for chip collecting, and both have public and private message areas for chippers to share information, or to do individual swaps. All will agree that this is a lot easier, more convenient and cheaper than long distance phone calls and the US Postal Service. NVN also has a "live chat" conference "room" and let me tell you, when you get a couple of chip collectors chating away, time flies! It's great fun and a great way to share information.

Being on-line really raises this hobby to a higher level. Services like NVN and Compuserve even have the ability to let you upload a "picture" of a chip for others to view. AOL, Delphi, and GENIE do too, but the chip collecting activity is way below Prodigy's and NVN's.

In the next issue of "Casino Chip & Token News," we'll profile a few of these computer chippers. And, if you'd like to get on-line between now and then, you can call Prodigy at 1-800-284-5933 or NVN at 1-800-336-9096.

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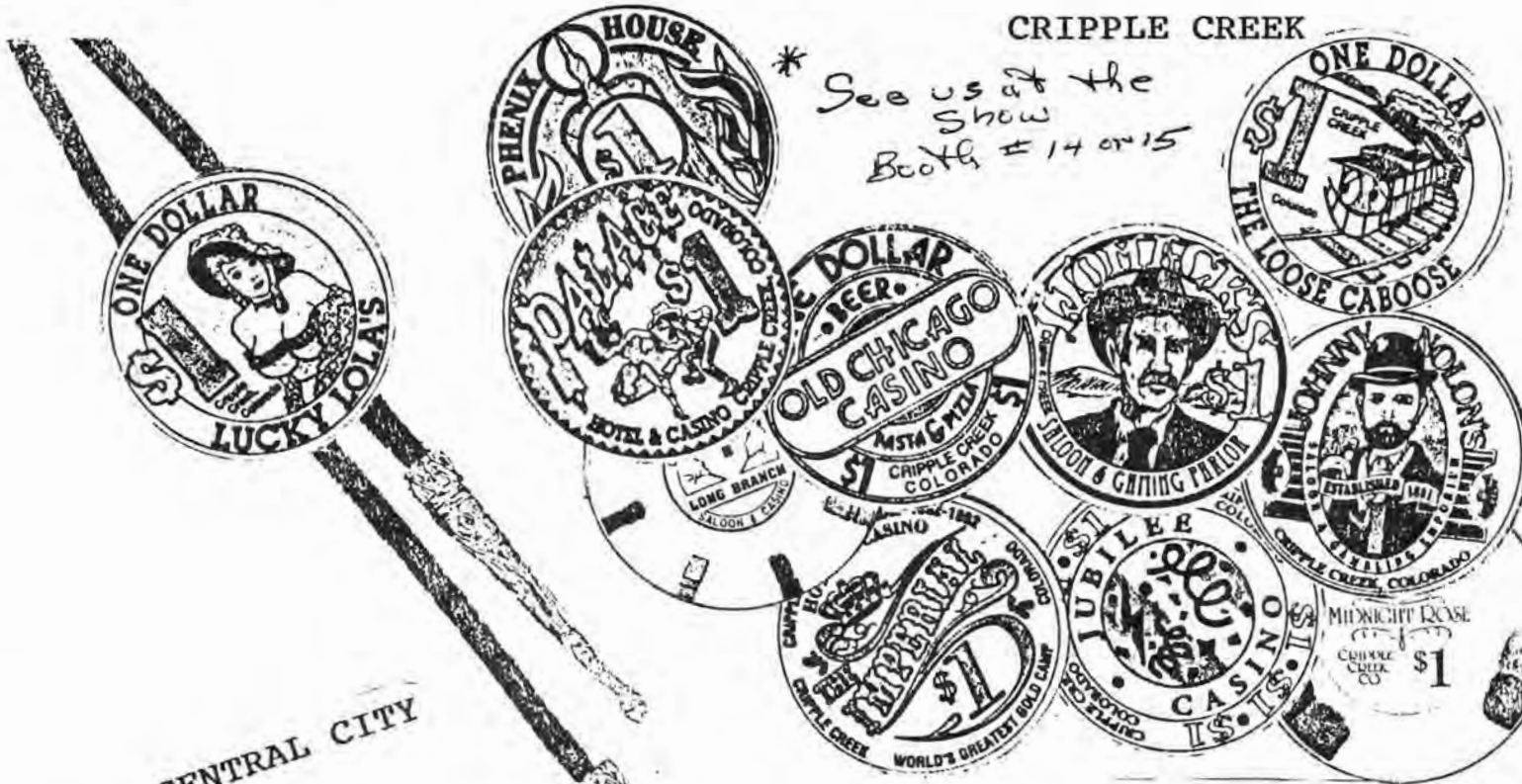
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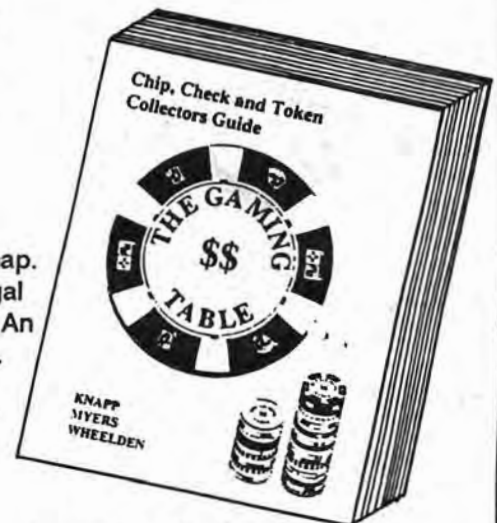
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