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Letters to the Editor

December 5, 1995

Casino Chips and Gaming
Tokens Collectors Club

After much thought, CHIPCO has decided not to distribute sample chips with a casino's image to anyone. Over the past year we have received several calls from concerned customers that their chips are being handed out at shows, even though they have been notched. One casino actually had someone *cash in* a notched chip and the cage personnel paid it out not realizing it was a sample. There are also states (Nevada and New Jersey) who do not want us distributing their state's samples at the gaming shows.

We, however realize it is crucial to the chip collectors to know what chips have been produced. For this reason, I will send you a colored picture of each chip we manufacture. After this initial supply of photos, they will include the date the chip was approved for production and the quantity they ordered.

Archie, we appreciate your support in the CHIPCO product. If I can answer any questions for you, please feel free to call.

Best regards,

Janice D. Wescott
Customer Service Manager

CC>CC Magazine Nov. 16, 1995

Dear Mr. Dirnberger :

Just received the fall issue of our quarterly magazine. First I would like to thank you for the great job you are doing, I can understand it takes a lot of work and dedication. I appreciate it, and I am sure all the members feel the same way.

I do have one item I would like to address, and hope it can be corrected in future issue of the magazine. I am a collector of the one dollar gaming tokens. The latest issue has one hundred and twenty pages, sixty four pages of ads, and fifty two pages of text of the fifty two pages there were only four pages on tokens. I know that chips are more popular than tokens but it would be great if a few more pages in the magazine could be for the interest token collector.

Thank you.

Robert J. Barnes

ED: Please refer to Archie's article this issue. We do not deliberately limit token coverage; we are dependent on our members submitting material regarding the same. We strive to have a well-rounded magazine.

Editor's Note: I apologize to Mr. Endy and Paul-Son Gaming Corporation if my remarks were offensive. I am and was aware of copyright laws, which is precisely why I stated my thoughts about the "value" of chips which do not carry copyrighted logos, etc. and are not approved by copyright owners. Casinos can and will use any design of their choice for their chips and tokens. Only the collector will decide if any of the many chips available have any perceived value.

October 30, 1995

Mr. Archie A. Black

Dear Mr. Black:

Thank you for your follow-up letter of October 24, 1995 regarding your request that Paul-Son refrain from selling chips that resemble closed casinos.

We understand your concern and did not realize the problem that the fictitious (sic) re-print could cause the chip collector and your club. As a result of your concern, and a commitment to our on-going relationship, the Foxy's Firehouse chips were removed from our inventory and destroyed.

We certainly appreciate your efforts researching this subject, and again apologize for any problems that may have been initially caused by the production of this chip.

I look forward to the continuing, excellent relationship between Paul-Son and your organization.

Thank you.

Eric P. Endy
President
Paulson GAMING CORPORATION

Dear Mr. Dirnberger:

I am in receipt of the latest edition (Fall issue 1995) of the Casino Chip and Token News magazine, and I am deeply concerned about the information printed under "The Soap Box" regarding our Company.

Paul-Son Gaming is not trying to "kill the golden goose". What we are trying to do is provide to our customers (the casinos) special event chips that are not in violation of anti-trust suits.

It is obvious from your remarks, that you nor Mr. Black are aware of the anti-trust suit that the NFL won regarding trademark infringement. Attached is a copy of that action which clearly defines the trademarks held by the NFL including the "Super Bowl", "Super Sunday", and NFL related logos. It is in the best interest of the Company that we do not use these trademarks and therefore, your editorial comments against Paulson regarding the value of football theme chips without such logos bears no merit.

I would appreciate and do expect a restatement in your editorial column explaining Paul-Son's position for the chip collectors clarification.

Paul-Son has supported your organization's efforts and has a commitment to an ongoing relationship. Do you?

Eric P. Endy
President

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By Archie A. Black

Happy New Year everyone!! I hope that 1996 will be a healthy and prosperous year for all of us. One thing is for certain.... you can bet that there will certainly be no let up in the amount of new commemorative chip issues we will see being released from the casino industry in 1996.

I've noticed more than ever, club members are continuing to restrict their collecting interests to more specific denominations and gaming jurisdictions. Specialized collections; those which are limited to geographical and topical interests, are becoming more common as folks realize they can't afford to be a "general" collector anymore. Prices on some of the more popular collecting fields have escalated to previously un-heard of heights due to collector "pressure" (or the, "I've got to have it" mindset).

As the club membership increases, more and more "newcomers" cause greater demand on the scarce material that is already in limited supply. I don't mean "limited" as in the thousands of "Limited Edition" chips that are commonplace of which every chip collector has a supply of multiple duplicates "for trading". I mean "limited" as to some of the earlier hard to find "classics"... Chips AND tokens that were never around in any great quantity. I don't consider a box of sought after earlier material as an over supply, considering that our club membership numbers well over 2000 presently. Popular material that was scarce yesterday will be scarcer tomorrow. Items that can't be found in every

Notice the emphasis on the word "popular". One must keep in mind that not everyone collects chips and tokens from Podunk, USA. There may only be a dozen or so of a particular item from Podunk, making it a very scarce issue... but how many people collect Podunk? So where is the demand? By far, the most popular area of collecting today is Nevada, or more specifically, Las Vegas. Atlantic City, Colorado, The Riverboats, California, Caribbean, Ivories, Poker, all have their own following and corresponding pressure on the tough ones. Combine the number of avid collectors seeking out a particular area vs. the amount of material available which all those collectors are seeking causes wild fluctuations in prices. As Al Moe stated in the current issue of his newsletter; "For those of you who need new pricing information each month, you can just about forget it. Prices are only as good as the last piece sold. When the next scarce chip pops up, the price rises again."

At this time, please allow me to address some criticisms heard about the size of our publication and the number of pages of ads, vs. the number of articles. One cannot compare content and layout of a year ago with content and layout since Tom Dirnberger took over the duties as Editor. A full page advertisement submitted a year ago is still a full page advertisement in 1996. However, a full page of article typeface a year ago is now condensed into maybe 2/3 page (or even less) due to Editor Dirnberger's computer capability. As an example; in Volume 7 #3 when I was Editor, it took two full pages, 2 columns each page, to list 210 new club members with the word processor technology I was using. A year later, in (Vol.8 #3) Editor Dirnberger listed 240 names on just ONE PAGE using his 3 column, smaller type computer technology...and he even included states!! Not only does that save lots of space... it saves the club money. Articles that took two and three pages of print a year ago are now printed on one... to one and a half pages today. In effect, there has been little or no loss of articles vs. ads.

It has been at my request in the past that Editor Dirnberger try to limit the magazine to 100 pages per issue

possible. We simply can't afford a 120 page publication each issue just to balance the ads vs. articles ratio. Evidently, the majority of the club membership likes the ads; the advertisers must be getting good value from them as most are repeaters. However; having stated that, the number of articles submitted have not been huge in number. . . nor have most of them been more than a page or two in length. Frankly, some articles submitted simply may not be worthy of publishing. Please remember, the club does not guarantee that every article submitted will be published. . . but we DO encourage members to continue to submit them. On the other hand; how does the Editor decide which PAID advertisement does not get published in order to maintain a 50/50 ratio? Do not lose sight of the fact that it's the ads that pay for the bulk of cost of the magazine. I hope this brief explanation will satisfy the "page counters" out there. I personally receive many publications and newsletters from clubs and organizations which I belong to, and only one ("The Numismatist"... which has a paid staff) publishes more pages of information and ads for its members than CC>CC does. So let's lighten up a bit and enjoy our hobby. It's a great one!!

In this issue you will find a nominations ballot for the 1995 CHIP & TOKEN OF THE YEAR contest. I hope that many of you will take the time to participate in this annual activity and send in your nominees. Please read the rules carefully.

The 1996 American Numismatic Association annual convention will be held in Denver, Colorado this August. For those of you who are ANA members, now is the time to begin preparing a display. Club member Robert Maisch has been publishing install-

ments in the past few issues of the club magazine on how to set up an exhibit and what the judges will be looking for. This will be the first year that your gaming exhibit will be entered into our own specialty classification and you'll be competing against other chip and gaming token exhibits only; not miscellaneous... or tokens & medals classifications. Got any questions? Write to me or to Robert Maisch and we'll get an answer for you promptly. You may want to set up a "trial-run" exhibit at the Aladdin show just for experience. . . and then take the same exhibit (with improvements) to the Denver A.N.A. convention.

By the time you read this report, the 1996 FUN convention in Orlando will have been concluded. I just want to thank Mark Lighterman and John Benedict for staffing the club table at F.U.N.

Looking ahead toward our own Las Vegas convention this June; enclosed in this issue of the magazine is a hotel registration card for the Aladdin. It is very important that these registration cards be returned before the deadline for two reasons. The first reason is that the block of rooms which is being held for us (and the guaranteed \$45 room rate) will be released for general public consumption on the day after the deadline printed on the card at which time all unsold rooms will be put back into Aladdin's inventory on that date. The second reason (and most important reason) is that the club receives one free hotel room for the duration of the convention for every 50 rooms booked... which greatly helps our club treasury and the bottom line on our convention expenses. Additional hotel registration cards (for friends and/or family) may be obtained from

Secretary Jim Harpp.

As of December 1st, only fifteen convention bourse tables remained unsold out of the sixty available. I would urge anyone who is thinking about reserving a table to contact our 1996 Convention Chairman, Mike Skelton. Mike still needs some volunteer help. If you wish to help out by donating some of your valuable time, please write or call Mike. He'll be glad to hear from you.

Lastly, at this time I wish to thank Paul-Son Gaming for their quick action taken in pulling the Foxy's Firehouse reproductions from their retail shelves and for destroying their remaining inventory of these chips. In a letter dated October 30, 1995 from Paul-Son; Mr. Eric P. Endy President, communicated the following: "Thank you for your follow-up letter of October 24, 1995 regarding your request that Paul-Son refrain from selling chips that resemble closed casinos. We understand your concern and did not realize the problem that the fictitious re-print could cause the chip collector and your club. As a result of your concern, and a commitment to our on-going relationship, the Foxy's Firehouse chips were removed from our inventory and destroyed." "We certainly appreciate your efforts researching this subject and again apologize for any problems that may have been initially caused by the production of this chip. I look forward to the continuing excellent relationship between Paul-Son and your organization. Sincerely, Eric P. Endy, President."

Thank you Mr. Endy! As far as CC>CC is concerned, the matter has been resolved to our satisfaction and hopefully has been put to rest. We too, look for a continuing meaningful relationship with your firm.



ATLANTIC CITY



By Archie A. Black CH-001

This quarter started out fairly slow with a \$5 commemorative at Bally's Park Place honoring Willie Mays with their first of a four piece chip series. The first one out of the box was issued on September 19th, to mark the 1965 National League's Most Valuable Player of 30 years ago. Black's catalog number is C BPP-5d.

The 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Mays issues have not been released as of December 13, when this report was compiled.

In late September, 1995 TropWorld issued a nice looking brass "NO CASH VALUE" token as part of their Lucky Diamond Dollars promotion. (T TWD-NCV) These tokens were only awarded to those customers who had a "Free Pull" coupon cut out of various local newspapers; or to showgoers who were given a "Free Pull" coupon as they exited the TropWorld showroom after a performance.

These coupons were exchanged (one per person per day) for one token, which was supposed to be dropped into a Free Pull slot machine for promotional prizes such as; beach towels, hats, tote bags,... or cash if you were extremely lucky. Not too many tokens escaped the watchful eyes of the Free Pull attendants who made sure the tokens went into the slot machine. The promotion ended November 30th.

Early November saw a new \$1 token introduced at Bally's Park Place. Every old style \$1 token was replaced with a new \$1 GDC token and all the machines were modified to accept only the new GDC tokens. Tokens from other A.C. properties will not work any longer in the park Place machines. Look for this trend to continue at other properties. Trump Plaza was the first in A.C. to introduce these "smart" machines with their "roses" token.

On November 11th, Tropworld released a chip to commemorate the appearance of headliner Johnny Mathis. It's a Paulson giant inlay. 5,000 were issued I'm told; large by A.C. standards. It should be around for quite awhile.

Over the Thanksgiving weekend, Trump Taj Mahal issued their newest commemorative chip (C TAJ-5e) on November 25 celebrating Greece.

During the A.C. Chapter meeting in A.C. on December 3rd, token scout Tom Hitzelberger announced that a new .10 cent slot token had been issued at Bally's Park Place.

It was also reported that \$20 and \$50 slot tokens were introduced at Caesars and a \$50 token at Trump Castle.

The big news following the A.C. Chapter's Showboat meeting (which hopefully is reported elsewhere under their chapter news), was that a double sided Merv Griffin error chip was sold during an impromptu one-lot auction at Tony's Baltimore Grill, where the active chapter's Christmas party was held. Hammer price: \$400!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!!



NEW MEXICO IN TURMOIL

New Mexico Casinos Face Closure U.S. Attorney says Casino Gaming Illegal

Robert Feeney #28

On December 14, 1995, U.S. Attorney John Kelly asked Indian tribes to agree to shut their casinos by January 15, 1996, or face legal action seeking forfeiture of slot machines and other gambling devices. Tribal representatives responded immediately that the casinos will remain open setting the stage for a showdown in federal court and possibly on the reservations themselves. Some tribes threatened to defy any court forfeiture order and, if necessary, put up armed resistance to federal agents. Other Tribal representatives did not take such a hard-line stance but were unanimous in their rejection of Kelly's request that they close the casinos.

The U.S. Attorney is on a collision course with the tribes because of State Supreme Court rulings in recent months. First, the Supreme Court invalidated casino gambling agreements signed by newly elected New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson last winter. Then, the justices found that state law does not permit any casino gambling. The tribes maintain the compacts remain valid under federal law.

There are nine full-blown casinos and one (Taos) offering only slot machines. Casinos that offer table games plus slots are as follows:

- Isleta Gaming Palace - Isleta Pueblo
- Casino Sandia - Sandia Pueblo
- Santa Ana Star - Santa Ana Pueblo
- Sky City Casino - Acoma Pueblo
- Ohkay Casino - San Juan Pueblo
- Cities of Gold Casino - Pojoaque Pueblo
- Camel Rock Casino - Tesuque Pueblo
- Hollywood Casino - San Felipe Pueblo
- Casino Apache - Mescalero Apaches - Inn of the Mountain Gods - Ruidoso

Tribal leaders are accusing the federal government of breaking yet another treaty, this time in the form of the compacts signed by the Governor and later approved by the U.S. Department of Interior. The State Legislature's first opportunity to address a possible solution will be during their next regular session which starts on January 16, 1996. The U.S. Attorney's deadline falls one day before the opening day of the Legislature.

ANA issues invite to show exhibitors

The American Numismatic Association is seeking exhibitors for its 105th Anniversary Convention, set for Denver Aug. 14-17.

Awards will be presented for 23 categories of exhibits, as well for best display by a first-time exhibitor and a people's choice award selected by the public.

A copy of official ANA exhibit rules is available from the ANA Convention Department, 818 N. Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903-3279. The ANA's telephone number is (719) 6322646.

N.M. tribes reject order to close casino gambling operations by January

Los Angeles Times (reprinted by permission)

DENVER - Setting the stage for an historic clash in court - or possibly on Native American lands - the 10 tribes operating casinos in New Mexico on Friday rejected a federal order that they close the lucrative operations by Jan. 15 or face forfeiture of their gambling devices.

Facing the loss of their economic base, a few of the tribes have threatened to block federal authorities who try and pull the plug on the games that employ more than 3,000 people and generate, \$200 million annually - plus millions more in commerce with surrounding non-Indian communities.

One of the tribes, the Pojoaque Pueblo, says it will close the portion of state Highway 285 that runs through the reservation and toward the Los Alamos National Laboratories to all but emergency vehicles for at least one day starting Jan. 6.

"We are like a cornered, wounded animal," said Pojoaque Pueblo Gov. Jacob Viarrial, whose tribe borrowed over \$30 million to develop its "Cities of Gold" casino enterprises. "We are willing to die or go to prison to protect Indian gaming."

The ultimatum from U.S. Attorney John Kelly follows recent state Supreme Court rulings banning Las Vegas-style gambling in New Mexico and invalidating state-tribal gambling compacts signed by Gov. Gary Johnson in March, approved by the Interior Department and published in the Federal Register as law.

At stake, Native American leaders say, are 150 similar compacts approved in 24 states involving 123 tribes that use gaming proceeds to pay for infrastructure projects, economic development, scholarships, health programs, police and fire protection and the restoration of historic traditions, customs and religions.

The dispute, they add, raises sticky legal questions over the implications of a state court changing a law in which huge financial investments are at stake, and about sovereignty - both state and tribal.

But Kelly said he was forced to act because a provision of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act allows American Indian tribes to operate only those casino games that are permitted by the state. When the state Supreme Court in November banned off-reservation charity casino games, it erased the legal basis for Indian gaming as well.

In a letter to tribal leaders, Kelly said that while the state legislature, which convenes for a 30-day session on Jan. 16, may authorize the compacts, "until then it is important that there be no more illegal gambling."

State legislators, however, remain deeply divided over the complex issue. And it is doubtful that they can resolve their differences, let alone ratify a new law, in time to forestall a collision in federal court.

The Justice Department does not intend to close the casinos by calling federal law enforcement officers onto the reservations.

But, Kelly warned, "if you fail to comply with this request, we do intend to immediately initiate legal proceedings which will result in the ... forfeiture to the federal government of all gaming devices located on the premises of the casino."

COMPETITIVE EXHIBITS & EXHIBIT- ING - PART VI

by Robert R. Maisch

This issue I'll discuss some of the rules of etiquette and ethics of exhibiting.

The rules will vary depending on the club or convention at which you are planning to display. Request an exhibit application form from the show exhibit chairman. The package you receive from the exhibit chairman should give you the procedures and rules. Some rules to look for are:

- A. Can anyone exhibit or is it restricted to club members.
- B. Are exhibit cases furnished (what are the dimensions) or must you provide your own cases.
- C. How many cases are you allowed or space allowance.
- D. What group or classification can you enter your exhibit.
- E. Does everything have to be inside the case(s)? Some shows will let you place titles or maps (as examples) outside the case(s).
- F. What is the deadline to have your exhibit application returned.
- G. Schedule of times for set-up and breakdown.

The small local shows may have only one classification. Others may have two (United States and Foreign classifications. Major shows will have many classifications. The American Numismatic Association has over twenty classifications which allows you some choices. You could enter your display in 'Tokens', 'General and Specialized', 'Western Americana' (if you collect tokens and/or chips from west of the Mississippi), or 'Private Mint Issues since 1960' (for the modern slot token collectors). And now the Casino Gaming Collectible Classification.

Before going to a show to exhibit I suggest you make up a checklist of things you'll need. In addition to your chips and/or tokens and related exhibit material you'll need a few other things. One other suggestion is for you to roll your background material unless you transport your exhibit in cases. This will eliminate creases which you could not remove at the show.

Things to take for an exhibitor include (but are not limited to) the following:

- A. Paper towels and glass cleaner — glass on cases can be dirty or have unsightly fingerprints.
- B. Scissors — for the trimming of threads, etc.
- C. pliers/screw driver — minor repair work.
- D. Clean cotton gloves — protect your collectibles from corrosion or blemishes from skin oils during handling.
- E. Locks for cases for security (if required). Some shows provide locks or lockable cases.

A reminder — the material you are displaying is expected to be your own. However, in some areas of the country I've seen a club band together to put together to produce an exhibit. It's an enjoyable effort or camaraderie if it is allowable in that organization's exhibit rules.

There are also some unpublished rules of etiquette that should be observed when setting up your display at the show. First of all be friendly and courteous. Exhibitors are a special group and you will be seeing some of the same people repeatedly. Establish yourself as a helpful, friendly competitor.

In the exhibit area of a show the display cases are butted against one another. If several of you are attempting to set up simultaneously adjacent to one another, then space will be at a premium and must be shared.

I suggest you first clean the glass of your cases before bringing out your collectibles. Cleaners can do damage to your chips or tokens. Alert other exhibitors near you so they can cover their collectibles too. There is another highly corrosive product present — saliva. That can do damage to collectibles. Over half of the letters in the English alphabet are formed

by a rapid expelling of air over the tongue or through the lips or teeth. This expelled air carries minute droplets of saliva. These droplets form small black dots on copper, brass and silver and I don't think anyone knows yet what long term effects can be caused on chips. Remember a lot of chips have metal inserts or inlays. If you've ever been in a coin shop and the dealer has a box of bright shiny new Lincoln Cents in an uncovered box you'll see the tiny black spots. They say these coins have been 'talked-over' — appropriate term, don't you think. Take the precaution to minimize talking while setting up to protect your collection as well as those setting up around you.

If exhibits adjacent to you have already been set up, please be careful not to bump the cases so as not to disturb the display inside. Neatly put away your boxes and other things you brought with you and go enjoy the rest of the show and Good Luck.

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PVC ALERT!!

By Archie A. Black

While many experienced coin collectors are very familiar with the damage PVC (polyvinyl chloride) holders can do to their coins, a lot of novice casino token collectors, who have very little to none in the way of numismatic backgrounds, are unfamiliar with PVC and its serious bad effects on primarily metal surfaces until it's too late.

Some of the 2x2 plastic holders or "flips" that many collectors are using to store their casino chips and gaming tokens contain PVC; a chemical plasticiser that makes the flip soft and pliable. While these type flips are ideal for short term use, some of these products tend to chemically breakdown over long periods of time causing a "green slime" to appear on chips and/or tokens due to improper storage in PVC holders. While PVC can be removed, the surfaces of the tokens will have been permanently damaged. Your once shiny, brilliant uncirculated tokens will usually be reduced to a dull grey sticky metal disc.

All CC>CC members are urged to check their collections periodically to see if their collections (and stored duplicates) are being assaulted by this dreaded PVC chemical reaction. You would also be well advised to check out the "flips" you are currently using and replace those containing PVC with non-PVC products before any damage occurs.

Generally speaking, the soft pliable type flips are more likely to contain harmful PVC's than the stiff (brittle) type flips. There are inert triacetate holders on the market into which tokens can be placed which are much safer for long term storage. Collectors usually disdain the stiff brittle 2x2 holders because they break easily at the fold. However, they serve as an excellent holder for long term storage if not frequently handled or removed from album pages.

Another suitable alternative to the soft PVC type holder is the standard 2x2 or 3x3 cardboard flip with a clear acetate window that is stapled closed on three sides. Some of these type holders also can be sealed, without staples, using a self-stick method. Whichever product you are using, or will continue to use, insist that it be free of any harmful PVC's.

For more detailed instructions on protecting, preserving and storage of your valuable chips and tokens, you are invited to write to expert Coin World columnist, Susan Maltby, c/o "COIN WORLD" P.O. Box 150, Sidney, OH 45365-0150. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) if you expect a reply.

CONVENTION AUCTION UPDATE

By Bruce Landau, Auction Chairman

By the time you read this update, we will have received all of our consignments for the Friday night, June 21st, club auction.

There have been many terrific lots consigned to this important sale and I am certain that there will be a large selection of quality material being offered to the highest bidders which will please most collectors. For those of you who are planning to be in attendance, Friday's show hours will end at 5:00 p.m. and the 225 lot auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. Those of you who will not be at the 1996 Las Vegas convention and auction can still participate by submitting mail bids.

As mentioned in the October issue of the club magazine, the high cost of preparation, printing and mailing has made it necessary to charge for this year's professionally bound and illustrated auction catalog. The cost will be \$10, which includes first class postage. As a cost cutting measure, since most of our membership did not submit bids last year, we will not be sending out copies of our sale catalog to the entire membership. If however, you want a non-illustrated copy of the catalog, with verbal descriptions only (no illustrations) we will be pleased to mail you a copy at no charge... but you must request a copy either way.

Please complete the form below and return it to Chuck Tomarchio no later than MARCH 31st. This form must be completed, whether you select the illustrated or non-illustrated catalog. You should anticipate receiving your catalog no later than May 15th.

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THE 4TH ANNUAL CASINO CHIPS AND GAMING TOKENS COLLECTORS CLUB CONVENTION & SHOW

JUNE 20, 21 & 22, 1996

ALADDIN HOTEL AND CASINO
LAS VEGAS, NV

Yes Ladies and Gentlemen, it is now time to start making plans to attend the 4th Annual CC & GTCC Convention. This is THE chip & token show of the year, you do not want to miss it. This show has become the largest gathering of chip & token dealers and collectors, anywhere in the world. Do not confuse this show with any other chip show held at any other hotel in Las Vegas. The Annual CC & GTCC show happens only once a year and at the Aladdin Hotel & Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

The dates for the 4th annual show are June 20-22 1996. The convention floor will be opened from 10 am - 6pm on Thursday, 10am - 5 pm on Friday and 10 am - 4 pm on the closing Saturday.

We have negotiated a \$45.00 PER NIGHT room rate for this show. The rate will apply 3 days prior to the start of the convention and up to 3 nights after the show is complete. All of our members who stayed at the Aladdin last year noticed many improvements that had been made around the hotel and the remodeling continues. Most 'casino rate prices on the Strip are higher than this, especially on the weekends. You will be hard pressed to find a room rate this low at any moderately sized property on the Strip. The club is able to negotiate convention space rates and room rates for future shows, based on the number of rooms we book each year. We need you to support the Club by booking your rooms at the Aladdin for '96 The rate is fantastic, we have been guaranteed tower rooms once again, the location is within walking distance of all the hot properties in town and there will be hundreds of chip & token collectors wandering around at all times, you might just find that one piece from someone you meet in the hallway. The Club has committed to book 150 rooms, please support YOUR Club in this endeavor.

Dealer Tables- As of December 15, 1995, there are only 3 dealer tables available. All past dealers were to have submitted their contracts by 12/15/95, after which time any new dealers who had submitted a contract and check were assigned a table on a first come, first serve basis. The remaining three tables will be sold on a first come, first serve basis to any dealer, in good standing, who forwards a contract and check to the Convention Chairman.

Things to look forward to at the 4th Annual CC>CC Convention

- \$45.00 per night room rate
- Pre-registration for members
- 1 night -225 Lot, Auction Extravaganza (see details elsewhere in this issue)
- 2 swap sessions (Annual Early Bird reception/swap meet on Wednesday night and added This year - "The Last Dance" - a swap session after the show closes on Saturday)
- More chip & token dealers than ever before
- Educational Exhibits

- Annual Club Business Meeting
- Educational Seminar with Special Guest

EXHIBITORS

Any member, in good standing, may place an exhibit on display at the Annual Convention. There will be no separate classifications of exhibits. The winner will be presented with a "People's Choice Award", as judged by the voting of convention attendees. A maximum of 3 cases will be allowed for each exhibit, per member. There is no charge to set up an educational display. If you are interested in sharing part of your collection with others, please write to the '96 Convention Chairman for an exhibitor application.

We are beginning to assemble our volunteer committees for the '96 Convention. I would like to encourage any and all members to donate some time at the show, if you plan on being in attendance. The group of people I have had the pleasure of working with in the past are just fantastic. I hope they all return this year, but there comes a time when you wish to just attend the show as a collector and believe me, I understand. The same core group of people offer their time each year and we need to inject some new folks into the mix, to give these kind souls a little help. We need volunteers to handle the following functions:

PUBLICITY - would like it to be someone in the PR field/or related areas and someone living in Las Vegas. The resident status is not absolute. I need a reply from someone no later than November 15, 1995.

SECURITY

DEALER REGISTRATION - on site prior to the show opening

SIGN ASSEMBLY & BREAK DOWN

PHOTOGRAPHY

CONVENTION PROGRAM

GENERAL GRUNT WORK

AND ANYTHING ELSE I THINK OF BETWEEN NOW & JUNE 20, 1996

If you are planning on attending the 1996 CC & GTCC Convention in Las Vegas, you may pre-register between now and May 1, 1996. Please send your name, membership No. and membership expiration date to:

1996 Convention Pre-Registration

112 Simmons

Coppell, TX 75019

Your pre-made Convention Badge will be available at the Registration desk outside the show floor on Wednesday, June 19, 1996, after 3pm. There will be no admittance to the show floor until it officially opens on June 20, 1996, at 10am.

More Convention information will be published in upcoming issues of the Club newsletter. For more information on the Convention, Dealer Tables, being a Volunteer, Displaying an Exhibit, Hotel Registration or Member Pre-registration contact:

Mike Skelton

'96 Convention Chairman

112 Simmons

Coppell, TX 75019

(214) 393-7106

The pre-Printed hotel registration cards are inserted in this issue of the Club magazine. The Club has negotiated an

attractive \$45.00 per night room rate and we need everyone who is attending the show to book your rooms at the Aladdin. The number of rooms we book goes a long way in allowing us to acquire the best rates of show space and room rates now and for future shows. The new MONTE CASINO Hotel & Casino is scheduled to open in April of '96 and is across the Strip from the Aladdin. The Aladdin has once again guaranteed all members staying at the Aladdin, rooms in the Tower and have offered 2 for 1 tickets to their show "Country Tonight". Book your rooms early.

DEALER LISTING FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL CC& GTCC CONVENTION & SHOW

The following is a listing of the dealers who have committed to the 1996 Convention in June. This list includes a majority of the best known and most knowledgeable chip and token dealers in the country. The list is in no particular order:

Coast to Coast Collectibles - Tom & Gayle Pleau
Dr. Allan Myers, Travis Lewin & Ken Craig

Bill Payne

Carey Burke

Walter Dirzulaitis

B & V Coins - Bettye & Vince Mowery

Roulette International Chip Hunters - Jerry Birl

Colorful Colorado Casino Chips - Clyde Massaro

Wilcox Enterprises - Robert Cook

Bob Feeney

Aurelio & Cippy Valle

Mel's Casino Collectibles - Mel Jung

Pioneer Enterprises - Armin Pfaender

T.D.S. Antique Gambling Chips - Steve Passalacqua

Ken Hallenbeck Coin Gallery - Kenneth Hallenbeck

Gerald & Janice O'Neal

Your Las Vegas Connection - Andy Los

Bill Akeman, Jr.

C.T Coins - Charlie Rodgers

Henry Garrett

Merrill Baron

Joe & Sue Dolce

Consolidated Collectibles - Dennis & Carrie Owen

Stan & Betty Wilker

Bruce Landau

Gene & Arlene Grossblatt

Washoe Antiques - Dean Richmond & Jodi Sones

Matthews Money Tree - Robert Matthews

Philip Beguhl & Ralph Stranwold

Albert Rollins

Nevada Obsolete Chips - Steve Soden

Buffalo Chips - John Moore

Dick & Joan Bitterman

The Chip Man - Scott Hartman

Ernie Wheelden

Cal-Neva Chips - Robert McColum

Chip-N-Sales - Kent Stewart

Steve Goodrich

Walt Gonski

New York Chip Connection - Eric Rosenblum

Nevada Gold Treasures - Steve Cutler

James Campiglia

Colorado's 10 Rarest Chips

Bob Gaarder R-304

As we enter 1996, the following are in my opinion the rarest of the rare:

1. **Bowl of Gold Cripple Creek \$1**, Walking Liberty design both sides. I know of only 5 of this Chipco error design; it is the rarest, but not by much.
2. **Bowl of Gold Cripple Creek \$1** with Pot of Gold design on both sides. I know of 7 of this error design.
3. **Gregory Street Black Hawk \$1 Chipco**, has always been in the top 10. It is now priced beyond the means of most collectors. Too bad, its a beauty of a chip, fewer than 100 known.
4. **Black Diamond Cripple Creek \$5 Chipco** with cards. I have followed this chip carefully. Management claims that all except 141 were returned to Chipco and destroyed.
5. **Richman Black Hawk \$1 Chipco**, a club chip presented to certain customers by management: A Colorado chip club member was able to buy 25 of these from white chip owners this summer. My best information is that there is a total of 100 to 200 of these chips, mostly controlled by management or non-collector preferred Richman customers.
6. **Aspen Mine, Cripple Creek \$1 Chipco**, an issue of only 100. 60 of these were released about 2 years ago, the other 40 are in the casino vault. The only way to get one of the remaining 40 is to blow up the safe.
7. **Toll Gate, Central City \$1 & \$5**. This is the variety with the 6 additional edge inserts. A new find and very scarce.
8. **Grubstake Central City \$5**. One of the original casinos, this was a small but comfortable place which was only open for a year. If you find one, it will be ugly but valuable.
9. **Famous Bonanza, Central City Chipco \$5**. There are two \$5 chips issued by the Famous Bonanza. It is the Chipco \$5 that is hard to find, only 200 printed, the other \$5 is easy to come by.
10. **Wild Horse, Cripple Creek \$5**. This small casino closed suddenly and took collectors by surprise. Scarce as a hen's tooth.

There you are, my opinion on the 10 most wanted chips as we enter another year. I'm sure you have noticed that the list changes considerably from year to year. New finds add to the list and sometimes a newly discovered hoard will serve to remove a chip from the list. It is always a good idea to use caution before buying an expensive chip.

I have tried to indicate the number of chips outstanding or mintages where possible. I hope this helps. Until next year.

Bob Gaarder - R-304

ARIZONA CHARLEY JAILED FOR ILLEGAL BULLFIGHT IN GILLETT, COLORADO

BOB GAARDER R-304

Most Nevada Chip collectors have in their collection, the great new \$1 and \$5 chips from Arizona Charlie's Casino in Las Vegas. These chips picture Arizona Charlie Meadows, a colorful cowboy of 100 years ago.

Few collectors know, however, who Arizona Charlie really was. I became interested when I noticed in the 100 years ago column of our daily newspaper the following:

"Arizona Charley secured bonds and was at Liberty. There now remains in the jail only Kid Meadows and three others from the Gillett bullfights".

The bullfight, the only one ever held in the United States occurred 100 years ago, August 24, 25, and 26th 1895 in Gillett, Colorado, a small gambling town located 10 Miles north of Cripple Creek. Gillett needed a business stimulator and although bullfights were not legal, they decided to stage one.

The promoter, Joe Wolfe, owner of Wolfe's Casino, hired as a partner in what he called the "La Fiesta Bullfights", Arizona Charley Meadows, a 31 year old wild west showman.

Due to a lack of bullfighting talents in the area Joe Wolfe made a trip to Mexico personally to hire the professional bullfighters. He returned with three men and a woman "La Gheita" who it was reported could "ride like the wind and looked beautiful all the time."

Unfortunately, the fights became a political issue and Colorado Governor Albert McIntire ordered County Sheriff Bowers to stop the fights. When Sheriff Bowers received the Governor's message he sent word that he had been taken suddenly ill and was confined to bed.

Despite the political interference, the fights began when Arizona Charley dashed in on a white horse and picked up the key events with a magnificent flourish.

Charlie Meadows and his younger brother Kid Meadows acted as the picadores, jabbing the bulls lightly with steel tipped poles. Meanwhile,



Sheriff Bowers who had recovered from his illness, made arrests of the participants who were released after paying a \$1 fine.

After the third day of bullfighting the results were, one bull killed, approximately \$5000 lost by promoter Joseph Wolfe. The picadores, banderilleros and bullfighters were in jail for cruelty to animals. Wolfe and the Meadows brothers were acquitted. The bullfighter Marreno was fined \$60, the others \$52.50 each, but had no money to pay the fine.

To help their bullfighting friends from Mexico, Arizona Charlie and brother "Kid" staged a wild west show. Unlike the bullfight, the wild west show was a financial success. Proceeds paid the bullfighters fines with some to spare.

History minded chip collectors now have a nice memento of Arizona Charley provided by the recently issued Chipco chips from the Las Vegas casino which bears his name.



WHAT'S NEW FROM CHIPCO

By Archie A. Black

The following design illustrations were received from CHIPCO along with an announcement that the company has ceased distributing clipped cancelled samples of CHIPCO's product at trade shows and to all individuals due to some reported abuses. (See Letters To Editor). We thank CHIPCO for continuing their information stream to CC>CC and we look forward to continuing illustrating their new issues as released. Promised mintage statistics that will be provided by CHIPCO in the future will be most appreciated by our interested readers.











Chips 'N Tokens Update

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

HI! I'm ba-a-a-c-c-k-k!! It's nice to know that my column was missed and thanks to all that sent for the print out of information that missed the last issue.

As usual many things have happened in this quarter, so here we go—

NEVADA CHIPS: Las Vegas; **CALIFORNIA HOTEL** \$5 UNLV/UH (University of Hawaii) football game 9-30-95 H&C picture chip; **TROPICANA** second design of \$5 Folies Bergere 35th anniversary H&C picture chip. First issue has 3 showgirls, 2nd issue only has one girl; **SHOWBOAT** \$5 New Years 1996 Bud Jones chip issued Oct. 1995!! **IMPERIAL PALACE** \$5 football chip dated 1-18-96 also issued Oct. 1995 (Looks like casinos are really getting anxious to sell chips!) **LUXOR** \$10 (ten dollar chips seem to be another new trend in Las Vegas!) 2nd anniv. Oct. 1995 H&C picture chip.

BOO!! Right-chips for Halloween!! **SHOWBOAT** \$5 Halloween one side/Nevada Day other side; **NEVADA PALACE** \$5 "Halloween 1995"; Total of 4 chips at **FOUR QUEENS** all \$5 (1)Halloween pumpkin (2)witch on broom (3)black cat & ghosts (4)a casper ghost; **GOLD STRIKE INN**, Boulder City & **SKYLINE CASINO**, Henderson.

SAHARA HOTEL & CASINO changed over their entire chip & token supply to cover new ownership. Chips are \$1-\$5-\$25 H&C picture chips. After a few weeks both **HACIENDA** and **SAHARA** issued new \$2.50 chips in their regular series. **LADY LUCK** \$5 picture chip "Oktoberfest 1995" in November!

TEXAS CASINO NLV \$5 Bud Jones (for rodeo) "In memory of Brent Thurman 1969-1994 (killed in Las Vegas rodeo last year). This chip has been found to have two distinctly different color variations on the Brent Thurman picture side. Type-I yellow in hat brim, light color face, Type-II greenish-blue in hat brim, darker color face.

Set of 6 chips at **FOUR QUEENS** LV "A Tribute to Texas", sold in sets only, .25-Battle of Gonzales, \$1-independence, \$5-Remember the Alamo, \$10-defeat of Santa Ana, \$25-admission to union, & \$100-first Texas oil well. Set is Bud Jones wide center inlay. There was an extra amount of the \$5-Remember the Alamo that were available separately.

Set of 8 at **TROPICANA** depicting rodeo events. All \$5 H&C picture chips, also \$25 with rodeo logo both sides. Single \$5 rodeo commemoratives at **BINION'S HORSESHOE**, **LONGHORN CASINO** Boulder Hwy, **JOE'S LONGHORN** NLV, **LADY LUCK** & **LUXOR** (this one first issued in Oct.)

BALLY'S has released the latest in their on-going celebrity series, \$5 Chipco for Oak Ridge Boys; \$25 & \$100 Tyson II chips were issued even though the fight itself was canceled. **RIVIERA** added new supply of .50 H&C chips and of course the size of the hot stamp is sufficiently larger than the previous issue to list it as a variety: Type I thin letters, Type II-thick letters.

SANDS CASINO has new \$1 chip, on dice tables only. House mold, brt org 4 blu—multi wht ci. \$1 H&C blu—multi ci still on Caribbean stud, etc tables and old blu—hs still in poker area. Another oddity—3 different \$1 in play in 3 different areas!!—only in Las Vegas—!

Fremont Street Experience Grand Opening 1995" 10-\$5 chips, all same design, only 10 different casino names: **HORSESHOE**, **FOUR QUEENS**, **LAS VEGAS CLUB**, **CALIFORNIA HOTEL**, **FITZGERALD'S**, **GOLDEN GATE**, **GOLDEN NUGGET**, **FREMONT HOTEL**, **PLAZA**, & **EL CORTEZ**. For the first couple of days **FREMONT HOTEL** limited sales to one par person. That policy was finally changed but **EL CORTEZ** continues to limit 5 par person. All others are no limit.

Another issue coma and gone in the wink of an eye-this time at **LAS VEGAS CLUB**. 2-\$10 Bud Jones for baseball greats, Dizzy Dean & "Shoeless" Joe Jackson, also \$100 "Babe Ruth". Latest in the new "holiday" chips just out at **SILVER NUGGET** NLV. Two Chipco, "Merry Christmas 1995" & "New Years 1996", both chips have a common reverse. **NEVADA PALACE** \$5 Bud Jones "Happy New Year 1996". Colors are very much the same as the "Oktoberfest" chip; there was a vary limited issue at **LIGOURI'S** Henderson of \$25 H&C picture chip. And here I am with another odd little chip variety: **UNION PLAZA** house mold .25 brt org—HS, Type I—"UNION" left of "PLAZA", large letters, Type II—"UNION" above "PLAZA", small letters.

RIVERSIDE, Laughlin has all new \$5-\$25-\$100 chips in play. These are the new WICO (ex-Langworthy) and have quite nice picture centers, \$5 Don Laughlin-obv, building-rev. \$25 helicopter & river-obv, building-rev; **FLAMINGO HILTON** Reno .50 H&C brt pnk—HS; **PEPPERMILL** Reno \$25 H&C picture chip: dice, cards, & roulette wheel to go with \$5 lady jester issued a few months ago; **BILL'S** LT Stln .25 BJ 8 suit blu/off wht—HS.

ORMSBY HOUSE Carson City has re-opened with \$1 & \$5 H&C chips; the 5th (and last in series) of \$5 Chipco has been released at **CACTUS JACK'S CC**, dated 1996 "Gateway to the Comstock". There will be a new series starting next year, with the theme being "Nevada Gaming Innovators" Announced so far are: 1997 Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel, 1998 William F Harrah, 1999 Raymond "Pappy" Smith, 2000 Harvey Gross & 2001 Peter Piersanti (original owner of CACTUS JACK'S).

Another of our infamous varieties has surfaced. In Carson City this time. **CARSON NUGGET** \$2.50 H&C chip, with line under .50 and with-out line under .50. And last from Nevada for this time. Are you sitting down? There is a new 10¢ chip (sure enough-ten pennies) at **BIRD FARM** in Fallon H&C It blu—HS.

Nevada tokens: Las Vegas; The long awaited \$5 token at **LOOSE CABOOSE** on Rainbow has finally made it's appearance, (1995) GDC, Southwest Gaming, same design as \$1. An old token has been found to have a distinct variety: **CASTAWAYS LV** (torn down to build **MIRAGE** on LV strip in 1987) 1979 CM token, Type 1-2 large stars reverse, Type II-2 small stars reverse. The large stars was also found with a die crack. Another older token variety "SILVER CITY LV 1980 GD, coin align & medal align.

LAS VEGAS AUTO TRUCK PLAZA, 1-15 & Blue Diamond Rd all new tokens (first since 1980). **FREMONT HOTEL** 1996 GDC in play Dec 1995 "40th anniv 1956-1996". New \$2 tokens: **BOULDER STATION, CIRCUS CIRCUS LV, SHOWBOAT, & RIO SUITES**. New \$10 token (regular slot play-not silver strike) **BOULDER STATION. BARBARY COAST** \$5 dated 1995 has now been put in play. **HARRAH'S** Lau \$2 (1995) NCM.

ORMSBY HOUSE CC \$1 (1995) NCM, no \$5 at this time. There is also a \$1 (1995) NCM brass for sale in gift shop, same design as regular \$1; A very few of the 1995 OC **CLUB CAL-NEVA** Reno have finally surfaced, but they are extremely difficult to find at this time.(my personal opinion is: this token is of very poor workmanship.)

CLARION HOTEL Reno new \$10 token (regular slot play-not silver strike); **RAINBOW CASINO** (ax-NEVADA CROSSING) Wendover \$5 (1995) NCM brass, same design as \$1.

And without fail there are always new bar tokens:Las Vegas; **LUCKY LIL'S** (was Dickenson' s wharf), **MOONEY'S SPORTS BAR & GRILL** (was Blue Note Lounge). After only a few weeks Mooney's removed dollar slots—token obsolete. **BOND AIRE CLUB, THE SPORTS PUB** (new route co), **CHAMPAGNES CAFE, STAR GOLF LOUNGE, THE ALGERIES** (same design-new route co); **BUSHY LOU'S** (was Coconuts); **BOB'S PARADISE BAR & GRILL** (was Ring Side Sports Bar). **NORTH STAR BAR & GRILL NLV; SUNDANCE KID CAFE NLV; NICK'S SUPER CLUB NLV** (new route co). First slot token for Overton, Nev at The **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB**.

Small grocery stores now enter the picture with the issue of a \$1 token at "**IN-N-OUT MINI MART**" 1195 E. Desert Inn Rd Lv.

For those of you interested in the gaming premium silver strike tokens, new recent issues are all \$10 (play quarters to win): **BOOMTOWN LV; GOLD STRIKE INN** Boulder City two 2nd issue tokens here (1)panner (2)Hoover dam. first issues had "BOULDER, NEV"—obv & "GOLD STRIKE"—rev bottom rim. New issues have "BOULDER CITY, NEV"—obv & "GOLD STRIKE INN " -rev bottom rim. **RIVIERA LV** new design issue for LA CAGE. There is a new **COMEDY CLUB** listed, but at this time it has not been found. **SANDS REGENCY** Reno "Pete CLADIANOS, SR"; **HACIENDA LV** 2 issues (1)bull fighter (2)horse & rider. I do now issue a "silver strike" check list for Nevada, in addition to my regular token check lists if anyone needs one.

RIVERBOATS: DIAMOND JO Dubuque, Iowa for a very short time in 1994 had a nickel token and then discontinued it. 12-95 a limited supply of this token is now available, but they have never been put back in play. **CATFISH BEND** Ft. Madison, Iowa added \$2.50 chip H&C same ci as before. Original .50 chip now obsolete.

AZTAR CASINO EVANSVILLE, Ind now up and running, but I have nothing in on this one yet. And I'm sure everyone knows by now that **HARRAH'S** New Orleans land based casino closed temporary casino 11-22-95 and stopped all construction on new facility. Word is it may still re-open. In the meantime it has been discovered there was, in fact, a "grand opening" \$5 H&C picture chip available.

ISLE OF CAPRI Biloxi, Ms \$5 H&C picture chip "grand re-opening commemorative" "Crown Plaza Resort". This to celebrate their new hotel. Also a 2nd issue \$2.50 chip, same colors as before, except "Crown Plaza Resort" has been added in the middle of ci; **BOOMTOWN** Biloxi, Ms \$5 Chipco "1st anniv July 18, 1995".

HARRAH'S Vicksburg, Ms: Looks like one slipped by everyone again!! \$5 Chipco "Host Hotel-Miss Mississippi Pageant July 1995." Remember the game "musical chairs"?-We are now experiencing "musical river-boats"!! Lake Shore, MS barge casino, **JUBILEE** is moving to Greenville, Ms. **COTTON CLUB** boat at Greenville is moving to Lake Shore and will be known as "JUBILATION". More new chips and tokens on the horizon!!

CIRCUS CIRCUS Casino Center, North Tunica County Ms new .50 chip unicorns prp—HS has

"Robinsonville, Ms" on chip. **HARRAH'S** N. Kansas City, Mo \$5 H&C picture chip (1995). Even though it says "1st anniversary" there is no date on the chip. Sometime during the summer **ST. JO FRONTIER CASINO** St. Joseph, Mo added nickel slots and a .05 (1995) GDC token.

INDIAN CASINOS; HARRAH'S AK-CHIN Phoenix, Az .50 chips obsolete 7-95; **CLIFF CASTLE CASINO** Camp Verde, Az \$1 token (1995) GDC; **BLUE WATER CASINO** Parker, Az added tables-.50\$1-\$5 Bud Jones center inlay chips. Another \$10 picture chip at **FOXWOODS** Ledyard, Ct "Tony Bennett June 1995"

KINGS CLUB Brimley, Mich \$5 (1995) GDC brass token, same design as \$1; **KEWADIN CASINOS** Mich \$1 token 1994 CT Type I-low mint mark, Type II-high mint mark; I have gotten word the 5 **KEWADIN CASINOS** in Mich have each issued a \$1 chipco token as of 12-1-95. Each casino has a different design. I sure hope someone back there is picking some of them up even though you may be knee deep in snow!! (this being said from warm & sunny southern Nevada!!) **OJIBWA CASINO** Baraga, Mich (1994) NCM brass, Type I-C in circle is even with NCM, Type II-C in circle is above NCM; **OJIBWA II CASINO** near Marquette, Mich has new tokens (1995) NCM.

GRAND CASINO MILLE LACS Onamia Mn new \$2.50 H&C pnk 4 lt org/1t grn—ci chips, same design as previous chips. **OH-KAY CASINO** Santa Fe, NM \$1 (1995) GDC token; **SANTA ANA STAR CASINO** Bernalillo, NM \$1 (1995) NCM & \$5 (1995) NCM brass tokens; **CITIES OF GOLD CASINO** Pojoaque, NM has two \$1 tokens, (1994) GDC buffalo head reverse & (1995) OC running buffalo reverse. Also \$5 (1994) NCM brass.

Special note: **CASINO APACHE** and **INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS** Mescalero, NM are same casino. Tokens say "INN OF THE MOUNTAIN GODS", chips say, "CASINO APACHE". **SKY CITY TRIBAL CASINO** Acoma, NM \$1 token (1995) GDC; **CAMEL ROCK CASINO** near Santa Fe, NM also has \$1 token (1995) GDC and new chips (again!) 2-\$5 Chipco, same design but one has "grand opening Sept 23, 1995" on it. **SAN FELIPE CASINO** open 11-12-95 San Felipe, NM \$1 & \$5 Chipco, \$1 (1995) GDC tok.

Second Indian casino open in Oregon. **CHINOOK WINDS** open 7-95 at Lincoln City. \$1-\$5-\$25 H&C picture chips. Slots are paper pay slips-no tokens; **SPIRIT MOUNTAIN CASINO** Grand Ronde, Or open 10-18-95. \$1 chip wht 3 blk/blu/blk—multi ci; **LUCKY EAGLE CASINO** Rochester, Wa open 6-95. \$1-\$5 H&C picture chips.

LUMMI CASINO Bellingham, Wa .25 H&C dk mrn—HS, .25 H&C brt prp—HS & .50 h&c bge—HS; **NOOKSACK RIVER CASINO** Deming, Wa .50 H&C dk blu—HS; **TULALIP CASINO** Marysville, Wa .50 BJ 8 suit dk org—blk red wht ci; **LITTLE CREEK CASINO** Shelton Wa open 9-22-95 \$1 & \$5 H&C picture chips.

GOLDEN NICKEL CASINO Baraboo, WI has changed name to **HO-CHUNK CASINO** and issued new \$5 token 1995 OPM brass. \$1 tokens and all chips have not been changed yet. There has been some confusion recently on the chips at this casino. For being open a scant 4 years there have been many changes here. When they first opened in 1991, the casino was operated by a management company called "JENNA CORP" Original chips were Langworthy plain, 3 inserts—GOLD HS with only the name "JENNA CORP". the Jenna contract was ended by the Indians, who took over the management themselves. For a short time the Jenna chips were still in use, but someone had painstakingly scratched off the name on each and every chip!! Very few examples now exist of the original chips with the Jenna name on it. A new set of chips soon came into play with the name "WINNEBAGO GOLDEN NICKEL CASINO" These are the white inlay chips. In 1993 a whole new building went up, which opened with a new management company and all new chips with the name now being "HO-CHUNK GOLDEN NICKEL CASINO". These are the yellow inlay chips. At this time the white center chips became obsolete. Soon Winnebago's again decided to oust the management company and take over themselves. They dropped "GOLDEN NICKEL" and became known as "HO-CHUNK CASINO" but continued to use the yellow center chips. In August 1995 a large new tent-like structure was added and out came the white center chips. Another "no longer obsolete"!! Now it has been discovered that sometime after the yellow center chips went into play, there was an additional order from Paul-son of the H&C mold chips that are the same colors, but the mold edge is different. These have been found on the \$2.50 & \$5, so far none on the \$1. Original has 8 hat & cane with all 8 cane heads to the right and an indented ring between the top of the hat and edge of chip. On the second issue ring has disappeared and there are 3 cane heads rt, 1 left, 3 right, 1 left. This now means there are 3 separate issues of the H&C chips here and most likely soon to be a fourth as new HO-CHUNK material is added.

Another confusing Wisc. Indian casino is **LAKE OF THE TORCHES** at Lac du Flambeau, Wi. Original .50 H&C cream—HS had initials only "L. D. F." while the \$1 & \$5 chips had "LAC du FLAMBEAU TRIBE" on them. Now all new Chipco set just issued has "LAKE OF THE TORCHES CASINO-BINGO" .50-\$1\$5. Rumor is these will again change and the word "bingo" will be removed—stay tuned!!

ISLE VISTA at Red Cliff, Wi discontinued use of the \$2.50 Chipco and issued .50 unicorns It blu—HS. At **BAD RIVER CASINO** Odanah, Wi there is a (1995) \$1 token. (1994) has small letters "one dollar gaming token" reverse, (1995) has large letters.

In Maryland: the **BLADENSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.** has added \$1 multi-red & \$5 multi-blue Chipco to go with the \$2.50 reported last time.

In **COLORADO**: **BRASS ASS** Crck re-opened with blackjack tables. \$5 H&C chip—HS, Type I-red, Type 11-maroon. This lasted only a short time and tables were removed. **GREGORY STREET CASINO** Blhk issued a set of 5 chips, all the sane on both sides, but when stacked in the set of 5 there is a picture down the side of the 5 chips. Chips have "Grand Opening March 22, 1992" one side & guy with back open underwear on the other side. There is also a color variation, Type I-red, Type II-dark pink. Another set has now been issued with "FELIZ NAVIDAD 1995" one side and "HAPPY NEW YEAR 1996" other side. This set also has picture down edge of 5 chips.

And that's the extent of my available information for this time. Thank you one and all for the information you keep sending from your area to keep this column on the right track. See you at the convention in June 1996!!

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Let's Talk Tokens: Houses Part I

by Dave Harvey R182

Why Part I you ask? Because it's a two-part article. Clever, what? Be sure to get Vol. 9 #2 to see how this ends.

Houses or Gaming Houses. Tokens are loaded with Houses. Part One is a baker's dozen of tokens with Houses outside of Las Vegas. All are nice examples of the Engravers Art.

Photos 1-2-3 Atlantic City-Showboat, Bally's Grand and Tropicana.

Photos 4-5-6 Laughlin, Nevada-Flamingo, Edgewater, Ramada Express.

Photos 7-8-9 Reno, Nevada-MGM Grand, Horseshoe Club (this one is really great), and Sundowner.

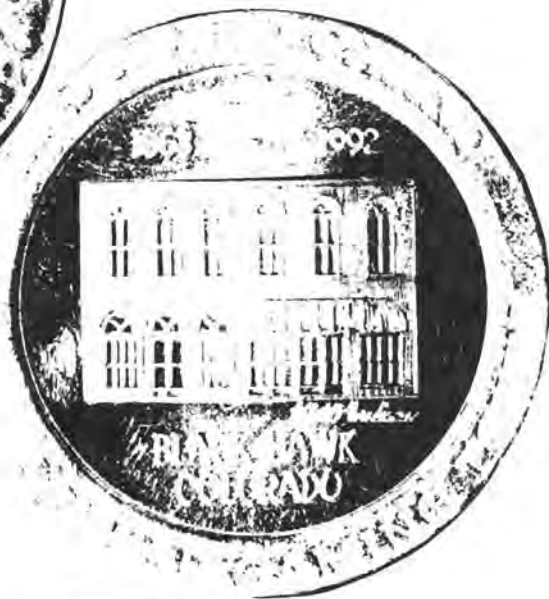
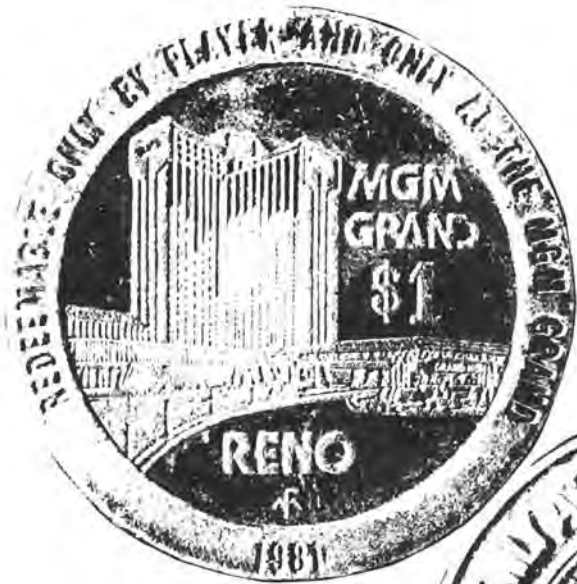
Photo 10 - Deadwood, South Dakota-Bella Union. Photo 11-12 Colorado-El Dorado and Bonanza. Photo 13 Lake Tahoe, Nevada-Harvey's

I don't know what the House token count is. My guess would be 60 or more.

Til next time.

DAVE





THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Michael Knapp

Welcome to "The Information Booth": the column that belongs to the members! It is here that you may submit unidentified chips (UFC's) for identification or questions about casino history and the like.

As we always do, we'll begin with some answers to previous UFC questions. Also, we repeat our request for participation by club members. This column is only of value if you take time to write to your columnist with identifications of chips you recognize here in the column, and if you send *legible* photocopies (full size is a must; black and white is preferred) or samples of chips you'd like identified.

You will notice that few of the chips which appear in this column are simply photocopied. That's because many older chips do not have enough contrast to photocopy well, and if they will not photocopy once, they certainly will not photocopy a second time when the magazine is produced. As a result, we hand-illustrate most of the chips pictured here. It's a painstaking process, because we make every effort to make sure that each chip illustration is as close as possible to its original version. That way, recognition identification may be possible.

Please realize, though, that *if you cannot read what is printed on a chip clearly after you photocopy it, neither can your columnist, and illustrating it will be impossible.* In such a case, you may send the chip to us, *with return postage* if you would like the chip sent back to you after the illustration process is completed.

Also, please realize that if you recognize a chip published here as a UFC, you have information that other fellow collectors do not have. Please share it! That's the whole point of this column. What is common knowledge in one part of the country, or in one area of collecting is completely unknown to others. For those of you with answers or questions, please share your information by writing to us at P. O. Box 340345, Columbus, Ohio 43234.

Now for identifications of past UFC's:

Q. 5: This chip, which is hotstamped **118**, was previously identified as having been used in San Diego, CA. Rick Meyer tells us that it was used at the Smoke House Cigar Store at 118 Broadway. The Smoke House was owned by John Connely, but we are not sure whether the games in which the chip was used were legal at the time.

Q. 100: We originally misattributed the **Gold Nugget Club** to San Diego. In fact, according to Steve McLendon, the club was located in Sacramento, CA, from 1935 to 1978.

Q. 543: The **C.R.E. Casino** chip was reportedly used in Willemstad, Curaçao, but we weren't told at what casino!

Q. 544: Additional information about the **EKKY** horsehead chip: it was one of the first chips used at the Equipoise Club, a card room in Sacramento, CA, which operated from 1930 through 1981.

Q. 706: This chip, which bears the number **239**, was identified in the last Information Booth column as having been sent to Miami,

Florida in 1939. The address to which the chips were shipped, according to the manufacturer's records, was 239 1st Street, N.E. Member Mark Lighterman, who lives in Floriday, has done some additional research, and the results of his digging are extremely interesting and puzzling.

Mark reports that although there was a 239 Club known in the Miami area, *there is no such address* as 239 1st St., N.E.! Mark went to the original sources: city directories for the three years after the chips were supposedly shipped, and he found that no such number existed in that block of 1st Street!

We suppose it's possible (as was the case with parts of Las Vegas) that the street numbering system was changed at some time, but Mark's research goes back to the original sources existing at the time that shipment was supposedly made.

As Alice said in *Through the Looking Glass*, "Curioser and curioser!" If anyone has further information about the 239 Club or its address, we sure would appreciate it!

Q. 756: This chip is hotstamped **Palace Poker**. We are told that it was used at the Palace Club at 201 Avenue E, Galveston, TX, an illegal club which operated in the 1940's and 1950's.

Q. 766: The **526 Club** was a card room in Salinas, CA.

Q. 771: This chip is hotstamped **SC**, and was used at the Stag Club, a card room in Monterrey, CA.

Q. 772: A number of members wrote to identify this chip. It turns out that **Cavanaugh's Motor Inn** is located at 20 N. Main Street, Kalispell, MT. Several people indicated that Cavanaugh's no longer has gaming, although it is still open.

Q. 827: Howard Herz researched the **Chinese characters** on this chip, which also bears the denomination **25**. It turns out that this was one of a set of 5 chips, one of them bearing the denomination 5, and the other three bearing Chinese denominations. The chips were ordered in 1946 and sent to Lun Hing Co., 422 South Clark Street, Chicago, IL. We believe that these chips were used in an illegal club.

We have received a number of chips for publication in this issue, some of which have been identified, but which we believe will interest members who may have come across them. First, though, member Al Zaika, an expert on tokens of various kinds (and in the coin collecting world, casino chips are defined as "tokens"), wrote to let us know that three entries in *The Gaming Table* (Knapp, Myers & Wheelden, KMW Publishing Co., 1992) are incorrect. Ordinarily, because these pieces have not appeared here in "The Information Booth," we would not publish Al's comments here. But because the pieces have been offered by various dealers as casino chips, which they are not, we thought everyone would like to know about them.

The three listings are **Compania de Antofogasta**, **Compania de Loto y Coronel**, and **Compania Salitrea**, all of which originated in Chile. Al's research shows that these hard rubber pieces are not casino chips at all, but rather company-issued tokens used for trade at company stores. Chile's nitrate mines were often located some distance from populated areas, and company stores were often the

main source of goods for miners and mining company employees. The tokens were issued for trade at those company stores. They will not appear in the next edition of *The Gaming Table*. Thanks to Al for giving us the true story of these pieces.

Another story comes with **828**: the **Palm Beach Club**. Gaming and chip historian Harvey Fuller (author of *Harvey J. Fuller's Index of Nevada Gaming Establishments*, edited by Howard Herz, 1991, *The Coin Company*), came across a few sets of these hat and cane chips in denominations of R\$20, 50, 100, 500 and 2000. The Palm Beach Club, he tells us, is in Colombo, the capital of Sri Lanka (which was Ceylon until it gained its independence from Great Britain). In 1981-1982, the Palm Beach Club was owned by Clem Malone of Nevada, but the casino was nationalized after an uprising in 1982.



829, **Casino Itaipu**, is from Ciudad del Este, Paraguay, and is open currently.

830 and **831**, **Comet Inn** and **Casper Club**, were located in Casper, Wyoming in the 1930's. Because we don't know when poker was legalized in Wyoming, we aren't certain whether these clubs were legal or not. Perhaps someone can tell us a bit about the history of legalized gambling in Wyoming for the next issue.

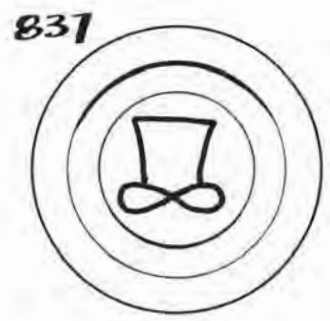


832 is from an illegal club in Ohio which operated in the 1930's, 1940's and early 1950's. We are told that it was used at the **Club Continental** in Chesapeake, Ohio. We hadn't heard of that club before, but we do know of the Colony Club and the Chesapeake Catering Co., both of which were illegal casinos in Chesapeake. It's possible that the Club Continental was part of one of these operations, or that it might have been a separate entity.

The **HS** hotstamped on UFC **833** are the initials of Herb Scott, who operated The Hideaway in Ridgecrest, CA. The club is closed now, although we don't know when it opened or closed. These chips were ordered in 1954.

New club member Al Kleindienst, who lives near New Orleans, has provided us with copies of a number of chips from illegal clubs

in the New Orleans area which operated in the 1930's through the 1950's. **834**, for example, was used as a roulette chip at **O'Dwyer's**, one of the larger clubs in the area. **835** and **836** were used at the **Riverview Club**, and **837** at the **Top Hat Club**.

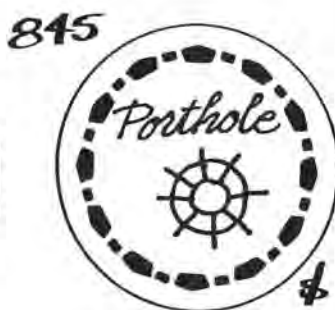


838 was used at the **Club Forest**, another well-established New Orleans illegal gambling club. **839** and **840** are other illegal New Orleans area clubs. **841**, **842** and **843** are chips used in clubs for which no names or other information has been found. They were all used in clubs owned in whole or part by Frank Mills, one of the kingpins of illegal gambling in Louisiana, and over time a partner with many others involved in operating illegal clubs.





UFC 844 is another chip that we are able to identify. When the mob-owned casinos in Cuba were being threatened by the Castro revolution, Meyer Lansky and his associates were determined to maintain their presence in the Caribbean. The Bahamas had not previously had legalized gambling, and Lansky set out to convince the Bahamian government that gaming would be good for tourism and for Bahamian tax revenues. And who better to begin operating casinos in the Bahamas than the people who had the experience running the casinos in Cuba? **El Casino** was the first of several mob-owned and operated casinos in the Bahamas. Lucayan Beach was the second. This chip is likely an older chip from El Casino, because it is not denominated in U.S. dollars, which have become the standard of exchange in Caribbean casinos.



845 is from the **Porthole** card room in Ridgecrest, CA. It operated in the 1950's and 1960's, and is now closed. The Galveston, Texas area at one time had many illegal casinos that operated quite openly, as did those in the Newport and Covington, Kentucky area. **UFC 846, 847, 848** and **849** are examples of chips from some of those clubs that are slightly less well known than well-established casinos like the Balinese Room, the Turf Athletic Club, and others.

GTBC are the initials of the Galveston, TX, Beach Club. The **ATF** chip was used by the Fertitta brothers, Frank and Anthony, at one of their illegal clubs. **SSS** was used by the three Salvado

brothers in at least one of their illegal clubs in Dickinson, TX, on the mainland not far from Galveston. The **EE** chip is also from Dickinson, and stands for Ement and Ement, who also ran illegal clubs.



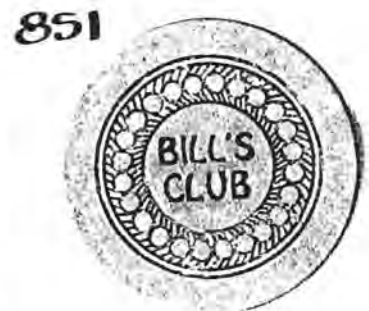
UFC 850 was used at **Trudy's** card room in Bakersfield, CA in the 1950's and 1960's.

We hope that the copy of **UFC 851** reproduces well. The only copy we have of this chip is rather dark, but it says **Bill's Club**. It's possible that the chip was used in the Roseville, CA card room. Does anyone know?



UFC 852, the **JBI** chip (because the chip bears a monogram, we suspect that the initials are actually J.I.B.), was found in southern Illinois along with a group of chips with the initials JWR (**UFC 815**). Does anyone know anything about the origin of either of these chips?

UFC 853 is suspected to be an illegal club chip from the Galveston, Texas area. We do not know what the initials **KD** stand for. Does anyone recognize it?



UFC 854: this **Indian profile** chip has been found in several denominations, and has been attributed to the Apache Casino (predecessor of the S.S. Rex Club, the Club El Dorado, and Binion's Horseshoe in downtown Las Vegas.) We doubt that

attribution, however, and hope that someone will be able to tell us the true origin of this chip.

UFC 855 is a crest and seal inlaid chip bearing the initials **F.C.** Unlike the FC chip illustrated in the last issue (UFC 779), this one bears periods after the initials. We are told, however, that both chips were found in an auction of material from Montana. Does that help?

The **bucking bronco** on UFC 856 is printed on a chip with concentric circles from the center to the edge. Such chips are fairly unusual, and it is difficult to show the texture of the chip in a photocopy. The chip is reminiscent of the Cheyenne, Wyoming Frontier Days crest and seal inlaid chip, but we do not know if that is its origin.

UFC 857 is also textured. Only the rim of this inlaid **SC** chip bears a texture, which is unusual for a crest and seal chip.

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The remaining chips illustrated are true UFC's: we know nothing about them, and hope that some of you will recognize them and be able to provide authoritative information for your fellow collectors.

We thank the following collectors who provided answers or questions for this issue's column: Bill and Betty Barnard, Ken Chopping, Ken Craig, Robert Eisentsadt, Doc Finstuen, Gary Fitzgerald, Harvey Fuller, Steve Goodrich, Howard Herz, John Johannes, Al Kleindienst, Steve McLendon, Ernie Meador, Rick Meyer, Allan Myers, Janice O'Neal, Bob Pardue, William Peeler, and Pete Porro.

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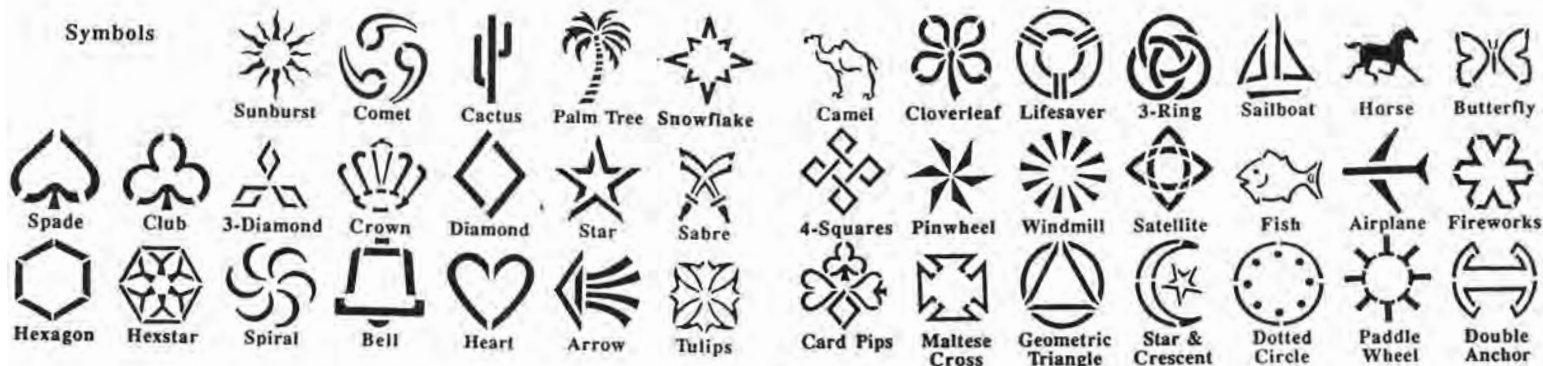
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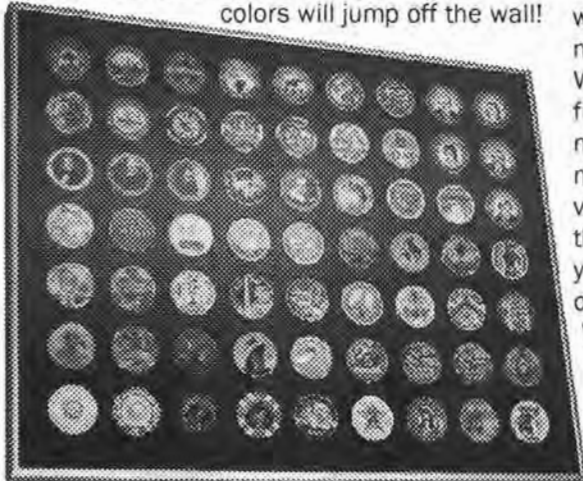
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



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As owner/curator of the Nevada Gold Museum, the time has come for me to express my opinion on the subject of Limited Edition Gaming Chips. There are many collectors or should I say dealers who don't like these chips. Some say that these are fantasy chips and not real gaming chips. This is simply not true. All Limited Edition Chips are approved by the Nevada Gaming Control Board and are intended for live gaming purposes. Most casinos will make some of these chips available to collectors at the cage as a courtesy. They usually will limit the quantity you may purchase. The remainder of these chips are put into action on live gaming tables. This is where the non-collector tourists enter the picture. casino management, although sympathetic to the wants of collectors, will always tell you "these chips were intended for our customers." Some of these tourists eventually become chip collectors. The chips usually disappear from the tables within a day or two. Now there are so many of these chips coming out, the dealers cannot afford to buy them all, nor can they afford to constantly make trips to Nevada to acquire them. Guess What? the chips still disappear from the tables within a day or two. Many of these chips are now going to where casino management originally intended, the tourist. Some of the purists in this hobby advocate only buying the regular issue chips used on the games. They state that the Limited Edition Chips will never be as scarce as the regular issue chip. This is simply not true.

I personally love Limited Edition Chips, they are interesting and usually beautiful. I look forward to each new issue as they are released. The thought of adding 200 chips a year to my collection at \$5.00 or \$10.00 per chip excites me. The most important thing to keep in mind is that these are live gaming chips, and may always be redeemed for face value. Hence, no financial risk! Not all Limited Edition Chips are equal due to the number minted. The subject matter on each issue also determines popularity to the collector and tourist alike. My opinion is that these chips are very collectable and should be included in every collection. I Do Not advocate hoarding these chips for investment purposes, unless you do this for a living. Three chips at face value is perfect, one for your collection and two for trade. As time goes on we will see more of these chips, not less. As their popularity grows with the public, the casinos will not miss this marketing opportunity. Please remember the first Limited Edition Chips were Bicentennials. These were made in much larger quantities than the chips being offered today. I don't have to remind you how popular this series is, they are some of the most sought after chips in the hobby. I have listed some hard facts for your consideration.





1. If you ask any cage manager "How many of your regular issue chips have walked" they will tell you "thousands."
2. Limited Edition Chips are just that, LIMITED.
3. Even if you just started collecting today, it is still possible to complete a collection of Nevada Limited Edition Chips.
4. Obsolete chips are becoming price prohibitive to many collectors.
5. Limited Edition chips are affordable to most collectors.
6. Condition and origin of a chip is never an issue.

For those of you not participating in the collecting of Limited Edition chips, let me go on record as saying "You are missing the boat." Today's Limited Edition Chips are tomorrow's obsolete. Your response to this article is welcome.

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CLUB 86 AND THE HAND THAT BROKE THE BANK

Michael Knapp

New member Ed Kleindienst of Louisiana brought this chip to our attention, along with the following story called "The Unfinished Crap Hand" from John Scarne's book *Scarne's Complete Guide to Gambling* (1961, Simon & Schuster, NY).

John Scarne was one of the first well known and highly publicized experts on casino gaming, a sleight of hand artist, an educator hired by the U. S. Armed Forces during World War II to alert G.I.s on the dangers of rigged games, an expert on gaffed carnival games, and a consultant to casino management. Although his books often misstate the odds for particular table games, Scarne wasn't off by much, and before his books became widely distributed, many people had never considered "games of chance" to be governed by mathematical rules of probability.

The chip illustrated below was used at the Club 86, an illegal casino, where the following story took place.



THE UNFINISHED CRAP HAND

To my knowledge, the biggest sum of money lost by any casino operator in America at a single bank-crap table in a one-night session was the \$300,000 lost by the operators of the 86 Club in Miami, Florida, in late February of 1947. Bigtime gamblers all over America still talk about the "unfinished hand" that night at the 86 Club's \$1,000 maximum limit bank-crap table.

The crap table was crowded with about thirty bigtime gamblers and racketeers from all over the country who were vacationing in Florida at the time, when, at precisely 2 A.M., the stick man chanted, "Next shooter" as he pushed the five dice in front of an automobile dealer from Detroit. The shooter selected a pair of dice and, after all bets were placed, threw them across the elastic string stretched across the center of the table. What occurred from there on made craps history. At 3:30 A.M., the same automobile dealer still held the dice when Charley Thomas and Jack Friedlander, the casino owners, walked over to the dice table and announced, "Gentlemen, that's all for tonight. The bank is broke." In that one and a half hours of crap shooting, the Detroit car dealer had shot the owners of the 86 Club out of almost \$300,000 in cash.

The shooter pleaded with Jack Friedlander to permit him to finish his hand, but Jack shrugged his shoulders and said, "Gentlemen, it will have to end as an unfinished hand," and it did. I was there, and since I knew that the casino carried a \$500,000 nightly bankroll, I later asked Jack Friedlander his reason for stopping the game in the middle of a shot. He grinned. "John, after losing nearly \$300,000 on that hot hand I figured that as soon as the shooter threw a miss-out all the players would quit. They had their bundle. All the money I could win back would be on that one miss-out—and who knows how many more point, proposition and place bets these characters were still likely to win if this hot hand continued?"

Despite this \$300,000 loss, and after paying all expenses including the ice [payoffs to local police and politicians - MK], which at that time in Florida was high, the operators of the 86 Club divided \$1,200,000 in profits for their eleven-week season.

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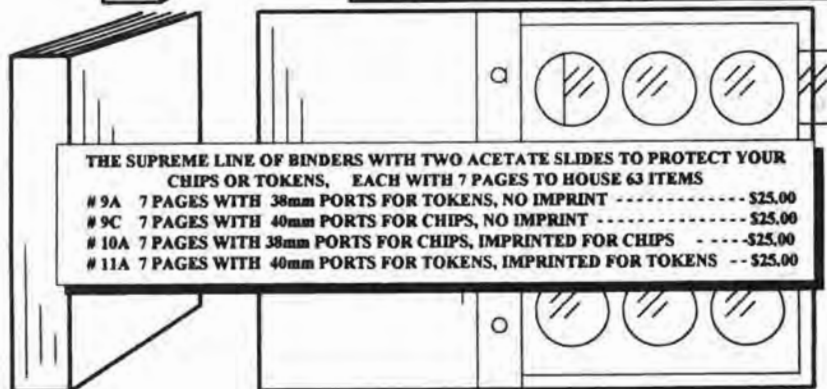
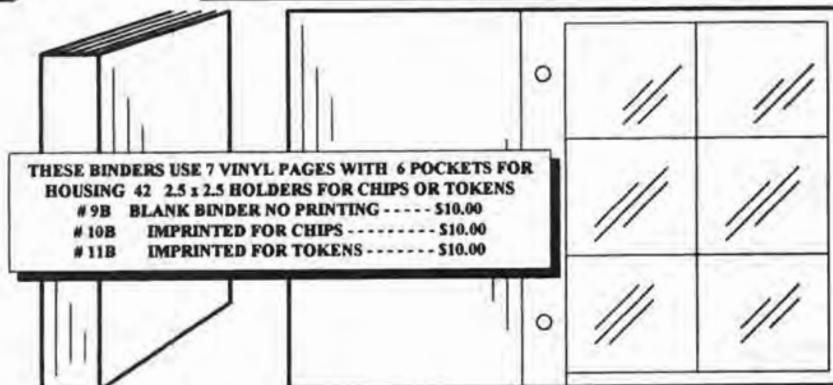
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1. NORTH SHORE CLUB - CRYSTAL BAY - LAKE TAHOE CIRCA 1970's BLACKJACK TABLE RULES PLASTIC SIGN 5" x 5" WITH ANCHOR LOGO AND HOUSE RULES "THREE 7's PAYS A \$5.00 BONUS" AND "ANY SIX CARDS TOTALING "21" OR LESS AUTOMATICALLY WINS." MINIMUM BID \$25.00.
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4. PONCE HILTON - PUERTO RICO 6 PIECE ROULETTE SET ALL #1 WHITE, ORANGE, LIGHT BLUE, PURPLE, LAVENDER AND MAROON. MINIMUM BID \$45.00.
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7. NORTH SHORE CLUB - CRYSTAL BAY - LAKE TAHOE BRAND NEW PAIR OF DICE UNDRILLED WITH NORTH SHORE CLUB IN GREEN SCRIPT WRITTEN ON THE #2 SIDE OF THE DICE. MINIMUM BID \$20.00.
8. NEW SOUTHPORT CLUB - NEW ORLEANS, LA CIRCA 1940's SET OF 2 NON DENOMINATIONAL CHIPS, CREST AND SEAL VARIETY. ONE CHIP HAS A GREEN OUTER RING AND THE OTHER HAS A PINK OUTER RING, BOTH HAVE IN FANCY BLACK SCRIPT ON BOTH SIDES " NEW SOUTHPORT CLUB of NEW ORLEANS, LA." THESE ARE REALLY NICE LOOKING CHIPS FROM THE ILLEGAL GAMBLING DAYS IN NEW ORLEANS. MINIMUM BID \$50.00.
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11. COUNTRY CLUB - LAKE TAHOE INDIAN HEAD ROULETTE #8 GOLD CREST AND SEAL CHIP. MINIMUM BID \$35.00.
12. ROYAL INN CASINO AND CLUB BINGO - LAS VEGAS 2 PIECE SET OF NON DENOMINATIONAL CHIPS. ROYAL INN IS BLUE SMALL CROWN AND CLUB BINGO IS PURPLE HAT AND CANE. MINIMUM BID \$20.00.
13. CLUB LAKE OR LAKE CLUB LOCATION UNKNOWN POSSIBLE LAKE TAHOE ??? BLUE CORD MOLD WITH CLUB LAKE AND SMALL CIRCLE HOT STAMPED IN CENTER. NEAT LOOKING CHIP AND A MYSTERY. MINIMUM BID \$20.00.

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I HOPE 1995 HAS BEEN A GOOD YEAR FOR ALL OF YOU AND I HOPE 1996 WILL BE EVEN BETTER.

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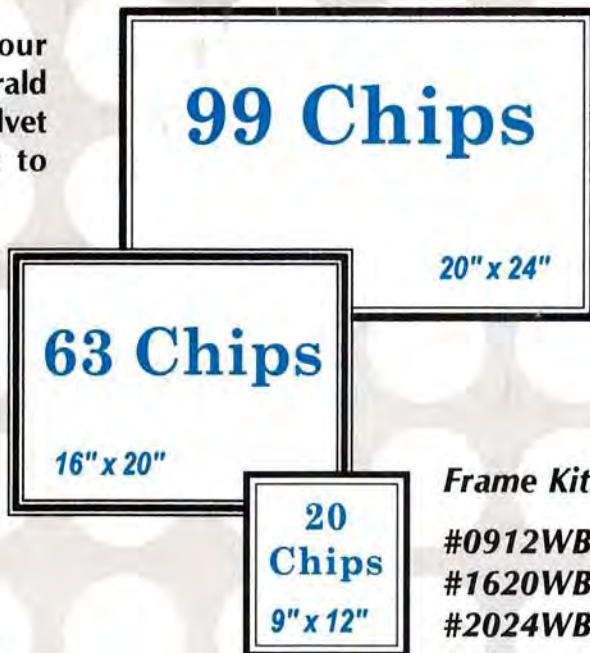
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