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REPORT FROM OUR TREASURER

Fiscal Period June 1, 1990 through May 31, 1991

CHECKBOOK BALANCE AS OF 6/1/90		**$ 2,716**
INCOME		
Dues / First Class Postage	$6,024	
Advertising/Classifieds/Auctions	$ 914	
Sales: Wooden Nickels, Patches, Decals, Chips, Directory	$ 843	
TOTAL INCOME:		**$ 7,781**
CHECKBOOK BALANCE, PLUS INCOME		**$10,497**
EXPENSES:		
PRINTING: Newsletters, Envelopes, Photocopies	$2,289	
Postage:	$1,651	
Supplies:	$ 87	
Club Patches, Club Chips, Club Woods	$ 437	
Misc:	$ 165	
TOTAL EXPENSES:		**$ 4,629**
CHECK BOOK BALANCE AS OF 5/31/91:		**$ 5,868**

(TREASURER'S NOTE:) This report includes dues revenues from renewals which are still being received at the time this report was prepared. Many members have renewed for two or more years and the balance indicated reflects those dues pre-payments.

While on the surface, the club looks "wealthy", a large part of the published "healthy" balance will be off-set by servicing all those 500+ members who have renewed over the next one and two year period.

Bruce Landau
Treasurer

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Enclosed with this issue of the club newsletter is our official election ballot for club officers for the next fiscal year. I thank all of you who have taken the time and interest for submitting nominations on the form that was inserted in the last newsletter issue. Due to the large number of nominee names that were submitted by more than 70 members for the four officer positions, only those persons who have received two or more nominations (in effect, seconded) are eligible for election on the official ballot which is enclosed. Please return your completed ballot to the Election Chairman, Mr. Robert Maisch, at your earliest convenience. All ballot envelopes will remain sealed until our annual meeting in Chicago, at which time they will be opened and counted by a committee to be appointed in Chicago. Good luck to all candidates.

I'm extremely pleased to report that our goal of "500 members by our A.N.A. meeting in Chicago" has been achieved. With our Chicago meeting only two months away, I'm confident that our membership dues renewal rate will be around 90% and the additional new members joining since the last quarter will put us well over the 500 mark! I call your attention to the New Members Report published elsewhere in the newsletter. As you can see, the club has added more new members to our rolls this past quarter than in any other quarter since the club was formed. Credit is due to you folks (mostly dealers) who have been really beating the bushes recruiting new collectors to the hobby and seeking out some "old-timers" who have been sitting on the sidelines, waiting to see if this club was going to succeed or if was just going to be another "flash in the pan". Well, it looks like we're here to stay. Newcomer or old-timer, or just in between; we're happy to have all of you. Welcome all!

I attended the Harvey's Collectibles Show at Lake Tahoe during June and came away with a mixed opinion on how successful it was. I did speak on the telephone with two dealers who had tables at the show upon my return to New Jersey, and both had indicated they were satisfied with the show. It was not as large a show as I had anticipated and visitor attendance was only around 100. I did manage to pick up about 50+ chips to add to my collection, and I had the opportunity to meet several members whom I have only corresponded with prior to my trip, so that was very enjoyable. Unfortunately, the Harvey's collection was not on display as I was under the impression it would be..... and although there was a small "silent auction, or bid board activity", I had anticipated a much larger selection for auction of duplicate chips from the Harvey's collection.

Brenda and I had a great Nevada trip. We were in Las Vegas (Vegas World and Stardust) for four days with a side trip to Laughlin. We flew to Reno and stayed two nights at Circus Circus, visted the home of Dean & Jodi who were most gracious hosts; then we packed up and went down the road to the Carson Nugget's Best Western for two nights and drove the 30 minute ride both days to Lake Tahoe for the Harvey's show. We liked Lake Tahoe and Reno so much, we're planning to pass on Vegas next year and stay at Tahoe, with day trips to Reno in 1992.

Illustrated elsewhere is this year's very attractive specimen of the club's 1991 commemorative chip. Michael Knapp and James Blanchard are to be commended for their excellent choice of design and execution.

EDITORIAL

"MY TWO CHIPS WORTH"

Once again, I must remind our members that our newsletter is mailed out via 3rd Class Bulk mail. Every single mailing (to date) has gone out right on time.... the 15th of the month of publication. Some members receive their mailings within a fairly reasonable amount of time while others experience delays of 3 & 4 weeks.... or more. The club can not control the delivery of the newsletters once they are placed in the U.S. Postal Service system. As I see it, if you are continuing to experience long delays in receiving your copy of the newsletter you have really only three options available to you:

1} Leave things exactly as they are and do absolutely nothing... if late delivery does not upset you.

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Finally, please..... do not write or call me to advise that you have not received your newsletter. I can't help you. After the bulk and first class mailings go out, all remainding extra copies of the newsletter are shipped to Club Secretary Knapp so that he can send copies out to future new members upon receipt of their applications and dues checks. I only keep two or three newsletter copies for my own use. Michael also maintains the membership status records and the mailing address label files on his computer. If you do have an address change, be certain that you notify the Club Secretary, not the Newsletter Editor.

NOTICE

DEADLINE FOR ALL COPY; NEWS ITEMS, DISPLAY ADS, CLASSIFIEDS, AND ARTICLES, IS THE 20th OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION DATE. DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 20th. I CAN NOT GUARANTEE PUBLICATION OF ANY COPY RECEIVED AFTER THE DEADLINE.

Editor

'QUEST EDITORIAL'

"AN OBSERVATION", By Jim Gatley R-537

I have worked on newsletters before so I have an understanding of the job. If the newsletter is the size of a telephone directory, people will complain it is too big..... except for one guy who wants to know why nothing was included about something so obscure he is the only person in the world who knows about it.

If the newsletter on the other hand is but a few pages, people will complain that it is too short, and demand that more information be included. If the editor asks the complainers for information, they will not provide it.

I once went to someone and said, "you have the best collection of this particular material in the country. You know more about it than anyone else in the collector's society. Tell me about it so I can put the information in the newsletter." He said "no". I asked why. He said "because if he told people about it, they would want to collect it and the price would go up." I pointed out that if that happened, it would make his collection more valuable. He said that"he wasn't telling anybody anything for free. He was writing a book and if people wanted to know, they could buy his book." He never did publish, and after he died his widow threw out the collection in the trash. She said she canned it because she didn't think it was worth anything. I've always suspected that it was her way of showing him what she thought of his hobby. (The material was U.S. Army cloth insignia of 1919-1939)

Of material I did receive, some of my favorites are;

1. Pages that looked like they had been run through the heavy duty wash cycle.
2. Pages photocopied from books and magazines I knew were copyrighted. One guy used to send newspaper articles minus identification. He said that no one would know what paper they were from.
3. Materials received the day after mailing day. "You could have held off a day, inserted my ad, then mailed. After all, my material is time sensitive."

Archie said that he wanted to "down-size" the newsletter. I can understand that. Putting out a society's newsletter is a thankless task. I would like to present the cause of newcomer's to the club and the collecting field. I want to see information.

Although the CC&GTCC is only a few years old, it is obvious that some members have been collecting for a long, long time. They may see basic information, i.e., a list of present day Atlantic City or Reno casinos as not needed in the newsletter. They might want material on the 1940's. In every collectors club there are people who pay the membership fee because it gives them access to a sales market. These people make a profit buying and selling the material the club members collect. It can be baseball cards, casino chips or stamps and coins. They are called dealers. Sometimes dealers are collectors, sometimes they are not. Often, collectors dislike dealers, blaming them for driving up prices. Dealers are necessary to a strong collectors club. They enable a colletor to acquire items he or she wants. Most dealers want a fair return on the investment of money and time. A few want to make a killing. The market place generally sorts these types out. The

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Once Around the West: Montana

Steve Goodrich #306

Hello friends. Since I have been getting so much positive reaction to my previous articles, I am going to try to write a reoccurring column. I will be attempting to cover the various aspects of gambling throughout the western United States, along with what kinds of chips and tokens one can expect to find in these areas. The western United States is such a large and diverse region that I hope it will prove to be of interest for many of you collectors out there, especially since it is relatively unrenowned that gambling is permitted in some form or another (besides the lotteries) in most western states.

There has been a considerable expansion of interest in the realm of gambling within the past few years in America, especially in the West. Deadwood, South Dakota has now had a limited amount of legalized gambling (blackjack, poker, and slots) for over a year now. Following this model, Colorado has just recently passed legislation that will permit the same type of procedures to operate in some of the historic mining districts within that state. Riverboat gambling on the Mississippi has become a reality with many of the river states recently legalizing gambling cruises. There is even talk now in Arizona and Wyoming about following the Deadwood and Colorado examples by permitting limited gambling in some of the historic locations within those states (such as in Tombstone, AZ) to increase local tourism revenues.

It can be argued that much of this recent interest in gambling is due in part to the success that has taken place in the state of Montana over the past few years. Poker and live keno have been legal in Montana for several years now and they have met with mixed success. Then in 1989 a law was passed legalizing video poker and keno machines. They took off like a shot. Clubs have sprouted all over the state, even in the smallest towns. The outcome is that you can probably find a video poker machine in nearly any city in the state. It is also believed that this has given a boost to the poker games as it introduces more people to the game. Business has been so good that Montana is in the process of forming a statewide gambling commission to regulate the industry.

Many of these "casinos" are very small. You certainly won't find anything like Las Vegas or Atlantic City in Montana. However, they are often very nice places and the employees are usually exceedingly friendly. The problem for us collectors is that I have not run into any $1 machines yet (still looking, though). This means no tokens so far. So that leaves us with chips, and the only way of obtaining them is from the aforementioned poker games as blackjack is illegal.

There are several locations throughout the state where they spread poker games (or pan, that famous rummy game of the West), though they are fewer and farther between than the slot joints. As with any small cardroom, the games are unreliable and often do not occur when they are supposed to. In my research I have found locations where there are good chances of finding a game in the

larger cities. Casinos in Billings, Bozeman, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, Lewistown, Kalispell, and Missoula all spread regular poker games. I have included several illustrations of the chips to be found in these various locations. As you can see, there is a great diversity of chip types to be found. Montana is a very large state (and sparsely populated) so I plan on spending more time this summer researching this area and will certainly update any information on where to find new chips and tokens.

If you have any additional information, I would definitely be grateful for your input. As always, you can direct any questions or comments to me at: P.O. Box 3162 Moscow, ID 83843.

GUEST EDITORIAL

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good dealer survives; the greedy fail and move on to another field.

Dealers want their ads in the newsletter. They are not concerned with information, be it basics for beginners or advanced for long termers. However, large ads force out information and small trading notices, the things the collectors want to see published.

The CC&GTCC is a relatively new organization. I would say that almost all of the serious, long term collectors are now members. Growth will come via people like me; new to the hobby. If you make sure that the newsletter is of interest to newcomers, the club will grow. If it ignores newcomers, there will be a revolving door membership. People will pay a year's dues, decide the club has nothing to offer and leave. Your task is to balance the three groups; old timers, beginners, and dealers. It wouldn't be easy. Whatever material you exclude you will make someone unhappy. I can predict that the dealers whose ads are not published will complain the loudest.

Archie, if you want to use any of this letter in the newsletter, to get comments from club members, feel free to do so.

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'TRAVELLIN' WITH THE SANDERSONS'

"I.A.F.T.L.V.M."

By Arthur J. Sanderson R-171

FLASH!! Advance notice to those who have a need to know. I think that the "Noted Observer" (Muriel) is going to proclaim the month of September as, "INTRODUCE A FRIEND TO LAS VEGAS MONTH". I.A.T.F.L.V.M. (pronounced the same as T.G.I.F.)

Her slogan is going to be.. "SO YOU'VE BEEN TO LAS VEGAS BEFORE. INTRODUCE A FRIEND; AND SEE IT AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME". Catchy, eh?

I think that the whole idea started when we took Edie and Walter.. you remember Edie and Walter. They rode with us when we all drove to Atlantic City a few months ago. The 17 mile tunnel, the 70 minute ferry ride.... yeah, yeah, the ones from Connecticut. I knew you would remember.

We flew in on Sunday, arriving after dark... the ideal time to drive "The Strip" to downtown. To hear the "ooohs & aaah's" was like playing Santa Claus to a five year old... and knowing, "You ain't seen nuttin' yet!"

During the next four days we played TOUR GUIDE, showing them the big attractions, along with some of the smaller ones... and saw 2 shows. Got out of town to Laughlin, Jean, Hoover Dam, and through Death Valley to Beatty. They left Friday noon with many great sights and experiences to talk about for a long time to come.

NOW, we do what <u>I like best</u> - TOKEN HUNT. Armed for bear (city map, tankfull of gas, and my want list) we head out for places that I don't have a token from. Muriel isn't much into tokens. She prefers high denomination chips, and "cash 'em in". Oh, she goes along with them, making remarks like - "Oh, that's a pretty one", or "That's not so hot". She IS noted for being observant.

Speaking of being observant! Do you know that there is a blackjack table in Las Vegas where the dealer deals all of the cards up? Yep, including both of his! DOUBLE EXPOSURE "21". Rules: 1. Both dealer cards are dealt up. 2. You may double down on 9, 10, or 11. 3. You may split any pair once. 4. Player wins all blackjack ties... dealer takes all other ties. 5. Jack and Ace of spades pays double. 6. "21" with 6, 7, 8 of the same suit pays double. 7. Blackjack pays even money. If you have ever wanted to hit 19..... here's your chance. You have to....., when you can see that the dealer has 20!

Meanwhile, back to the hunt. With only Friday afternoon and Saturday we have to hurry. It's right maddening to look for an address, find the street, but can't find a building number. I've driven for blocks looking for a clue as to where we are.

Discounting the places that we couldn't find... I obtained 48 needed tokens (including the set of 7 from Santa Fe), plus about 100 to trade. I.A.F.T.L.V. Try it. It may open up a whole new world.

P.S. Bob Stupak's "VEGAS WORLD" is where they hit on a 19!

'LETTERS TO THE EDITOR'

Dear Archie:

"Who knows anything about this one? From the 1940's, THE TUX CLUB in Tuxedo, New York, used metal chips. They also framed the players hand when they got royal straight flushes. The player signed and dated them and the framed hand was hung on the wall. The club was a private, members only type. This information came from a customer who bought a Silver Slipper $1 token from me and picked up one of the club's membership applications."

-Robert J. Mera, R-523

Mr. Chips:

Re; Chip & Token Of The Year Contest: "If everyone's 1st & 2nd choices were scattered, and the 3rd choices all fell on the same number, under your present system the 3rd choice might become the winner. If you use a weighted choice; such as 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, and 1 point for 3rd, you might then end up with a single, true 1st choice winner. Just a suggestion for next year. Anyhow, keep up the good work."

Stan Weaver, R-405

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS!!

Period Apr. 1 - June 21, 1991

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THE RIVERBOAT GAMBLER RETURNS! ...TO IOWA!

Michael Knapp

On April 1, 1991, riverboat gambling returned to the Mighty Mississippi. On that day, riverboats sailed from Davenport, Dubuque and Bettendorf, Iowa, on their first gambling cruises on the Mississippi River.

The Dubuque Casino Belle (above) and The President (front cover), were two of the three riverboats that sailed on April 1 to open riverboat gambling on the Mississippi for the first time in almost a century. A third boat, the Diamond Lady, also sailed on that day, but did not respond to inquiries from the club for information.

Although Iowa is not the only State to have authorized gaming on riverboats, it is the first to begin operations. Illinois has passed legislation to enable riverboat casinos, and Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Kentucky and Mississippi are all debating the issue currently. Both the Casino Belle and The President are operated by groups familiar with riverboat operations. The President, for example, is owned in part and operated by John Connelly, a Pittsburgh businessman who has been in the riverboat excursion business for several years. The Dubuque Casino Belle is owned and operated by Ruth and Robert Kehl, who have conducted riverboat excursions for almost 20 years. Both boats are parts of larger fleets, but the only boats on which gambling is permitted.

Riverboat gambling, which has become a well-known part of American history, actually lasted for a relatively short period of time in the 19th Century. The Louisiana Purchase in 1803, and Robert Fulton's adaptation of the steam engine to riverboat power, coupled to produce a rapidly growing riverboat trade which at its height saw more than 700 riverboats carrying passengers and freight down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, the major thoroughfares of commerce.

The Civil War and, afterward, the rapid expansion of railroads, signalled the demise of the heyday of the riverboat as the essential method of transportation West. The riverboat gamblers, who had flourished in the mid-1800's, virtually disappeared—or at least found other venues for their trade. The legalization of riverboat gaming brings back the flavor of that historic and typically American era.

The President, which boasts the world's largest casino afloat, is actually a certified National Historic Landmark. Its hull was originally that of the riverboat Cincinnati, the

largest overnight passenger steamboat on the Mississippi. It was refurbished several times, and most recently outfitted with its casino livery. It is 297 feet long, 87 feet wide, and has five decks. Like all riverboats, it is built with the shallowest possible draft in mind, drawing only 6½ feet of water.

A view of part of The President's main casino.

The President's casino contains 680 slot machines and 34 table games, including 27 blackjack tables, roulette, craps and a Big 6 wheel. Of interest to casino chip and token collectors, The President uses three different types of 25¢ tokens, three styles of 50¢ tokens, and three styles of $1 tokens. All have the same obverse design using The President's logo.

In addition to its regular tokens, The President issued a $5 commemorative token and a $5 CHIPCO inaugural sailing chip, both pictured at right.

Iowa law contains several limitations to restrict gaming on board to low stakes. There is a $5 single bet limit, and a $200 per trip loss limit mandated by law. The loss limit is enforced by limiting the amount for which a player can buy in to the games. Along with his boarding pass, a passenger receives ten $20 ticket stubs, which must be cashed in for chips or tokens along with currency. Once a player's stubs have been used, he may not purchase additional chips or tokens. To eliminate the possibility that coins will be brought on board for use in the machines, tokens must be of different sizes than corresponding U.S. currency, and the slot machine acceptors are set to reject U.S. coins. Table game minimums are $2, and $1 and 50¢ tokens are used on table games as well as in slot machines.

By special arrangement with The President, club members may purchase sets of uncirculated and proof tokens as well as the $5 chips. Ordering and price information appears at the end of this article. This arrangement marks the first time that a gaming organization has dealt directly with the club in order to stimulate the collecting of its chips and tokens.

The Dubuque Casino Belle is the largest riverboat casino on the Mississippi, at 387 feet in length, and 60 feet in width. It has four decks and draws 5.5 feet of water. Designed by owners Robert and Ruth Kehl, the boat was modelled after a 19th Century sidewheeler, and boasts a 30-foot high grand lobby and three casinos.

The Dubuque Casino Belle almost didn't make it to its own party! The boat was built at a shipyard in Pensacola, Florida, and because of the short time between the authorization of riverboat gambling by the Iowa legislature and the April 1 inaugural sailing, construction took until the very last minute. On its voyage from Pensacola to Dubuque, delays were encountered as well. The first sailing, which was supposed to have taken place at 10:00 a.m., was delayed until that afternoon, just after the boat finally arrived. The crew and casino personnel had never even seen the boat until they boarded with the first passengers!

The gaming mix aboard the Dubuque Casino Belle is a bit different from The President's, with 500 slot machines and 26 table games. Rather than using ticket stubs to control the purchase of tokens and chips, the Dubuque Casino Belle uses "play money"-type coupons which must be relinquished when tokens and chips are purchased.

The chips and tokens used aboard the Dubuque Casino Belle are fewer in number

than those used on The President. One style each of the 25¢ and $1 tokens, a 50¢ chip and a $5 chip are used on the boat. Although we were not able to arrange to make uncirculated or proof tokens available to members, the tokens and chips are available to members, and details follow this article.

The two riverboats discussed in this article are the first, but certainly will not be the last, casino excursion boats to ply the Mississippi River. As we have seen over the past several years, the concept of low stakes gambling as a tourism attraction has begun to expand to various jurisdictions and types of venues. Deadwood, South Dakota, three mining towns in Colorado, the Mississippi riverboats now authorized in three States with more considering the move, and the growth of gaming other than the traditional bingo games on Indian reservations, has expanded the availability of casino games outside of Nevada and Atlantic City. The ability of collectors to keep pace with this rapid expansion will be challenged!

How to obtain chips and tokens from the
riverboats featured in this article.

The President Riverboat Casino:

Uncirculated tokens in vinyl pouches are available as follows:

Three different 25¢ tokens at $2.95 each
Three different 50¢ tokens at $3.95 each
Three different $1 tokens at $4.95 each
$5 Inaugural Cruise Commemorative token at $7.95.

Proof sets:

Three different proof sets, each containing a 25¢, a 50¢ and a $1 token, are available in black velvet presentation boxes. The price for each set is $14.95.

$5 Inaugural Cruise CHIPCO chips and $5 hat & cane standard chips are available at face value.

Orders should be sent, with an extra $2 for shipping costs, to:

Retail Sales Department
The President Riverboat Casino
130 West River Drive
Davenport, Iowa 52801

Dubuque Casino Belle:

A limited number of sets consisting of a 25¢ and a $1 token and a 50¢ and $5 chip are available from the author. Price of each set is $10.

Orders should be sent, with an extra $2 for shipping costs, to:

Michael Knapp
5410 Banbury Drive
Worthington, Ohio 43235.

ANNUAL MEETING SOUVENIR CHIP

The design of the 1991 annual meeting commemorative chip has just been released. Shown above, the chip has different center inserts on both sides, one noting the club's fourth annual meeting, and the other commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the American Numismatic Association, of which we are a member.

Using the same A rim design as last year's chip, the four-year souvenir is dark red, with four tan edge inserts. A casino-quality, brass-weighted chip, it was designed and manufactured by Jim Blanchard, a club member and owner of a company which makes casino checks for many major casinos throughout the world.

The commemorative chip will be available for the first time at the club's annual meeting in Chicago on August 17. Extras will be made available to club members who were unable to attend the annual meeting, on the same basis as are souvenir chips from our previous meetings. Details for ordering will appear in the October issue of the newsletter.

The club's first annual meeting was held at the ANA convention in Cincinnati in 1988, and a wood "dollar" was issued as a souvenir for that meeting. In 1989 the club met in Pittsburgh, and a black, unicorn rim, hot-stamped chip was used to mark the second annual meeting. Last year's meeting, in Seattle, saw the issuance of a casino quality chip for the first time. Also manufactured by Jim Blanchard, the 1989 chip had four pie-shaped wedges which formed the base of the chip, one blue, one red, and two white. Different center inserts on each side, as with this year's chip, completed the chip.

Many club members have ordered back issues for meetings they were not able to attend, to begin a complete set of annual meeting souvenir chips. Thanks to Jim Blanchard, we are again able to offer club members the same type of quality that they find in chips from actual casinos. Come to Chicago to collect yours!

HELP WANTED

CC&GTCC IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPERIENCE OR KNOWLEDGE ABOUT FILING FOR AN EDUCATIONAL NON-PROFIT EXEMPTION ON BEHALF OF THE CLUB. PLEASE CONTACT PRESIDENT BLACK IF INTERESTED IN TAKING ON THIS IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT.

CC & GTCC PROMOTIONAL ITEMS FOR SALE

3 1/2"	embrodered, colorful Cloth Patch, "CC&GTCC MEMBER".......	$3.00 @
2 3/4"	vinyl club logo, self-stick decal	$1.00 @
5"	vinyl club logo, self-stick decal	$2.00 @
1988	"One Blue Chip" commemorative club wooden dollar	.75 @
1989	"Two Wooden Dollars" commemorative club wooden dollar....	.75 @
1990	"Three Wooden Dollars" commemorative club wooden dollar..	.75 @
1989	Souvenir "2" club chip issued for 1989 convention	$1.25 @
1990	Souvenir "3" club chip issued for 1990 convention	$3.00 @
1991	"F.U.N. Chip" Florida United Numismatists club meeting..	.75 @
1991	*Souvenir "4" club chip issued for 1991 convention.......	$3.00 @
1991	*"Four Chicago Dollars" commemorative club wooden dollar..	.75 @

PLEASE ADD .65 CENTS POSTAGE TO ALL ORDERS. STAMPS O.K.

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

Note: *The 1991 Chicago issues will not be available from Janice until after the convention is over.

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NEW ITEM: CLUB LICENSE PLATES!

LICENSE PLATE WITH CLUB LOGO

Any interest at $3.00 each plus postage? If so, the club needs your order <u>in advance</u> so that we can order the required minimum number of 50 pieces for this low price. If 25 members sign up we will go ahead and process our bulk order and bill you after we receive them. Send no money; just a postcard to Janice O'Neal stating that yes, you are interested in obtaining one (or two) at a cost of just $3 each, plus postage. The club makes nothing on the deal. It's simply another promotion, hopefully to gain higher visibility for the club. It's ideal for states which only have one plate on their cars. For other states that already have a front and rear plate, you can attach the club plate above your existing plate or place in your rear window. Or simply use it as a decoration or to dress up a display of your chips and/or tokens.

THE INFORMATION BOOTH

Edited by Michael Knapp

As you can see, there's a new masthead for The Information Booth. Space in the newsletter is at a premium, and the original masthead used more than a third of a page. This one should allow more room for content without increasing the number of pages needed for the column. If you'd rather see the old format, please let me know.

UFC (Unidentified Flying Chip!) responses from previous issues and new UFC's were coming in faster than we could publish them for a while. Recently, though, member response has not been quite so heavy. Remember, if you recognize a chip and can provide information about it, please drop me a note so we can share that information with the rest of the club. If you have a chip or token you'd like to know something about, send me a clear photocopy or the chip itself (I'll be glad to return it after drawing the illustration) and perhaps another member will be able to help. Please write to me at: 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43235.

Several members have asked that at some time I republish all still-unidentified chips and tokens from previous issues, with the thought that we may now have members who will have some information about them. That's quite possible, since the club is still growing quite rapidly. Trouble is, a review of that type would take quite a bit of space. We are considering the idea, though, and may be able to accomplish it before the end of the year.

Now let's return to a chip we believed to have identified in the last column: Q. 240. The member who provided the copy indicated that he had been told that it was from the Louisiana Club in Las Vegas. Supposedly there was such a place, at 715 Casino Center Drive. The volume of mail I've received since the last newsletter was published, though, indicates that the illustrated chip was actually from Low Cost Games, also Las Vegas. Sorry about the misidentification, but it's another indication that one can't always believe what one's told in this hobby: searching for confirmation from another source often is advisable.

We have received a number of identifications from members, some of them going back to our second column two years ago, so let's run through those first:

Q. 30: Excelsior Club, Cleveland, Ohio, believed to be a businessmen's club

Q. 102: The suggestion has been made that this might be from Artichoke Joe's in San Bruno, CA, but that doesn't explain the name "Dennis" on the chip. Does anyone have any further information?

Q. 109: Incorrectly listed. It's from the Far West *Traveler's* Assn. in New York, not the Far West Trader's Assn. as originally listed.

Q. 134: Ostini's, a card room in Ukiah, CA.

Q. 223: The Southern Club, Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Q. 227: Possibly the Tonopah Club, Tonopah, Nevada. Can someone confirm?

Q. 229: The Mona Lisa Club was a card room in Benicia, CA, now closed.

Q. 236: The Mt. Parnas Casino in Athens, Greece.

Q. 250: Possibly Casino Arecibo, Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

Q. 251: Possibly Casino de Yauco, Yauco, Puerto Rico.

Q. 252: We said in the last column that this chip reads "Fury Casino Group." That's what the photocopy we received seemed to be. However, after considering Fury, Gurq and several other possibilities, we believe that the wording is actually "Guro Casino Group." In any case, the chip is definitely from the Cairo Hilton in Egypt.

Q. 253: The Chinese characters, according to the Bakersfield Chinese UFC Society, say "Pine Tree."

Q. 254: The Horseshoe Club card room in Gardena, CA, now closed.

Q. 257: Bataan Pool & Recreation Center, Delano, CA.

Q. 259: Menlo Club card room, Menlo Park, CA.

Q. 262: This chip was made for Otis Easton, who ran a small card room in the early 1960's in Bakersfield, CA. No indication of what the "JOE" signifies, though.

Q. 264: Garden City Club, a card room in San Jose, CA.

Q. 266: Again, the Bakersfield Chinese UFC Society tells us that the character on this chip means "Beautiful." The denomination is $2.50, and it was used at the Quon Yik Club in Stockton, CA.

Q. 270: Mr. G's was a card room located at 3617 El Cajon Blvd. in San Diego. "Mr. G" was owner Chuck Giuliano. The club is closed now, but the Red Wing Card Room, at the same location, is still using the Mr. G chips.

Q. 271: The Monte Carlo Club, Hawthorne, Nevada.

Q. 272: A Billings, Montana card room, we're told.

Q. 274: EPC Club was Ernie Primm's Club, a private club for highrollers located in the Primadonna Casino in Reno.

Q. 283: Rick's Club was located in Fargo, North Dakota. There was, as some members suggested, a Rick's in Mound House, Nevada, but the chip said only "Rick's." There's an interesting story about the Nevada Rick's. It was open for gambling only for a short time, having been shut down after a police raid. Seems it was located in a brothel, but didn't have a gaming license. The brothel was legal, but betting wasn't!

Q. 285: Thought to be the Rosebud Card Room, Ft. Bragg, CA. The member who wrote to us about this chip stressed that yes, the *real* Ft. Bragg is in North Carolina, but there's a "fake" Ft. Bragg in California where there's a Rosebud Card Room, but no Army installation!

Q. 287: Sutter 45 Club was a card room in Folsom, CA.

Q. 291: Anaheim Recreation Center, Anaheim, CA.

As you see, members have been especially good recently about sending us information about chips they can identify. The assistance benefits all of us. If you see a chip illustrated in this column which you know something about, please let us know so all members can learn about them. Drop a note to us at 5410 Banbury Drive, Worthington, Ohio 43235. Of course, the same address for your UFC's you'd like help with.

For those of you who have been members for a while, you'll remember Tom Hitselberger's article in Vol. 4, No. 1, about chips used for charity casinos operating in Prince George's County, Maryland. We have a bit more information about a couple of the illustrated chips, and also an update from Tom about two more casinos in operation.

The chip used at the Cottage City Volunteer Fire Department club, shown as being hotstamped "FOR" actually reads "FDR." We're told that the initials stand for Frank, Danny and Roger, who had the chips made for their use at home, and then donated them

to the fire department for their casino.

The "TEACH" chip used at the Oxon Hill Volunteer Fire Department casino was not explained in the original article. Because this casino, like all others in the Prince George's County area, exists to raise funds for charity, the initials stand for the words To Ease A Child's Handicap, and proceeds from the casino go to a local children's charity.

Tom also updates us, and provides information on two new casinos currently in operation. The Upper Marlboro Volunteer Fire Department operates a casino which uses two different types of chips. The style of *No. 295* is used for 50¢ (gray) and $1 (dark blue) values, and there is also a mermaid rim $1 chip. Illustration *No. 296* is the chip used for $5 (red), $10 (gold) and $25 (green) chips.

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Illustration *No. 297* is the $1 (dark blue) chip used at the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department casino. *No. 298* is the style used for $5 (red), $10 (yellow), and $25 (green) denominations. The North Beach VFD is unusual, Tom tells us, in that it is the only charity casino operating outside Prince George's County. North Beach is located in Calvert County, on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

Tom also indicates that tipping of dealers is now allowed, and that a slightly wider betting range ($5—$50 and $10—$100) is now permitted at most of the establishments. He promises to keep us updated on the latest news from Maryland.

By the way, the convention used in this column, for those of you who are new to the club, is to number each chip illustration, and to use an asterisk to denote chips which have denominations on the reverse sides. Often, if there is more than just a denomination on the reverse, and if we've been sent a copy of both sides of the chip, we'll illustrate both sides for you.

We have, of course, received more questions as well as answers for this issue, so let's start with some we can answer now.

Q. 299: A relatively new member asks us to explain the differences among casinos, card rooms and clubs, and the difference between checks and chips. Good questions, really, because we're not at all sure that even we "veterans" use the terms uniformly. Most often, "casino" is the name given to a gaming establishment that offers virtually all accepted forms of gambling; for example, 21, roulette, craps, Big 6, keno, poker, and so forth. In casinos, every game except poker is banked by the house rather than by the players. In other words, all players are playing against the house, not against each other.

Card rooms, which exist in California, Washington, Montana, and a few other places, do not offer house-banked games, but merely offer games in which the players are competing against each other. Ordinarily, card rooms offer only poker (albeit in several varieties) and do not offer such games as 21 and craps, which players normally do not have

large enough bankrolls to back.

Finally, "club" is the term most often used to describe illegal casinos. For example, there were many illegal casinos which operated in the Newport and Covington area of northern Kentucky; in Jeffersonville, Indiana; in Hot Springs, Arkansas; around New Orleans; in Chicago; in New York; etc. Most of these illegal clubs ceased operating in the 1950's or early 1960's, although there are still illegal card games available in most larger cities even today.

As for the difference between "checks" and "chips," the terms are often used interchangeably. Technically, a check is a chip with a denomination, or value, on its face, since it is the equivalent of an IOU or a bank check: it's a promise to pay money. A chip, on the other hand, has no explicit denomination (roulette chips being the prime example), and their values can vary from time to time. They are not, therefore, promises to pay specific amounts of money on demand.

Q. 300: Another member asks about El Rancho Vegas. "I get tired of hearing about this place. What's the big deal?" It does seem that collectors tend to "make a big deal" about El Rancho Vegas collectibles sometimes, especially for a hotel that burned down some 31 years ago, and has been a vacant lot since. That's part of the appeal, actually. It also is a "big deal" because it represents an important "first" for Las Vegas and the gaming industry. El Rancho Vegas was the first hotel on what eventually became the Las Vegas strip. It was opened in 1941 by Thomas Hull, a California hotelier who owned a chain of El Rancho hotels. He took a big chance planting a large hotel with a casino out in the middle of nowhere in the Nevada desert. It would be another five years before Benjamin Siegel (no one called him "Bugsy" to his face) built the Flamingo Hotel down the road.

Hull sold El Rancho Vegas after only three years, to Wilbur Clark (most noted for his position with the Desert Inn) and his partner, S. P. Barbash. After two years, they sold to Sanford Adler, another major name in Nevada gaming. Just a year later, El Rancho Vegas was sold to Beldon Kattleman, who owned it until it burned down in 1960. During that time, the hotel continued to feature top name entertainment and to attract big name guests from the motion picture industry. The story goes that two weeks before the hotel burned to the ground in a fire that started in the middle of the night, Kattleman had ejected a Chicago mafioso who went by the name of John Marshall (Marshall Caifano, actually). Although an investigation was conducted, it could not be established that the fire was a result of Caifano's attempt to get revenge.

All members interested in the history of ERV will want to order the history booklet published by member Jim Gellette, described elsewhere in this issue.

Now for some new UFC's!

Q. 301: This is the ubiquitous "windmill" chip that has been attributed on occasion to El Rancho Vegas. Although ERV's landmark was a windmill, it was a different type of windmill, and this chip was not used at ERV. Concensus is that it was used at a casino in Yerington, Nevada, called Gene's Silver Palace.

Q. 302: The initials on this chip stand for James L. Young, who was at one time the owner of the Monte Carlo Club, an early downtown Las Vegas casino.

Q. 303: My Friend's Place is a card room, currently open, in Helena, Montana.

Q. 304: It's been suggested that this chip is from Pat Hart's Brass Rail in Virginia City, Nevada. Can anyone confirm this?

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Q. 305: This chip might be from a place called the Reno Club in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Does anyone know for sure?

Q. 306: The Michigan Club was located in the Grand Rapids area in the 1920's. An illegal club, we believe.

Q. 307: This chip is believed to be from a casino in the Caribbean. Can someone tell us where?

Q. 308: In a previous issue, UFC No. 161 was identified as being used at The Beach Club in San Diego. Is this from the same club, or a different one?

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Q. 309: Lune Rousse means "Russian Moon" in French. But we still don't know where this chip is from. Do you?

Q. 310: The suggestion's been made that this chip might be from a club in Seabrook, Texas, although there's no specific evidence. Perhaps someone knows the answer.

The remaining illustrated chips are UFC's. If you recognize any and can provide information about them, please let us know!

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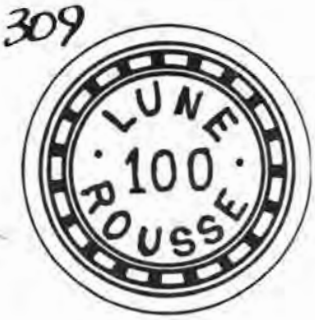

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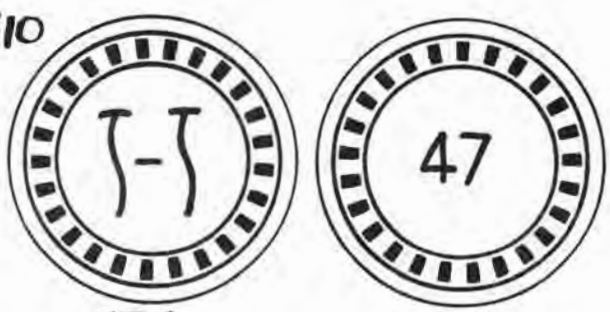

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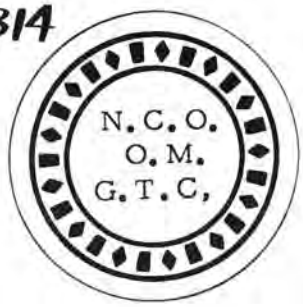

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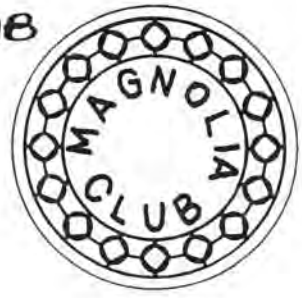

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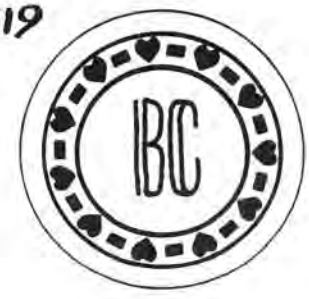

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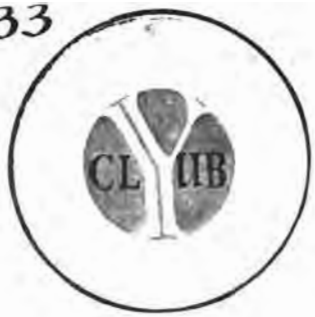

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Preliminary schedule
ANA 100th Anniversary Convention
Aug. 13-18

All events at the Rosemont/O'Hare Expo Center unless otherwise stated.

Saturday August 10

8:30 a.m.	ANA U.S. coin grading seminar	Holiday Inn
1 p.m.	ANA Finance Committee public meeting	East Ballroom 20
7 p.m.	ANA Board meeting, executive session	East Ballroom 20

Sunday August 11

8 a.m.	ANA auction lot viewing opens	East Ballroom 27-29
8:30 a.m.	Photo ID opens	North Lobby
	ANA Board meeting, open session	East Ballroom 20 & 21
	ANA U.S. coin grading seminar	Holiday Inn
9 a.m.	Pre-registration and registration open	North Lobby
1 p.m.	Security room opens	North Lobby
5 p.m.	PNG Board meeting	Hyatt Boardroom
6 p.m.	Pre-registration, registration, photo ID closes	

Monday August 12

7:30 a.m.	Photo ID opens	North Lobby
8 a.m.	Bourse opens to PNG dealers with tables	
	Exhibitors may place exhibits	
	Auction lot viewing opens	East Ballroom 27-29
8:30 a.m.	ANA U.S. coin grading seminar	Holiday Inn
	ANA Board public meeting	East Ballroom 20 & 21
10 a.m.	Bourse open to PNG-invited guests only	
	Pre-registration and registration open	North Lobby
4:30 p.m.	Admission to bourse, exhibit area closes	
5 p.m.	Bourse, exhibit areas must be vacated	
7 p.m.	Auction lot viewing closes	
	Civil War Token Society Hospitality	Hyatt Diplomat
	PNG Reception	Foyer Rosemont Ballroom A & B
8 p.m.	ANA dealers may set up	North Lobby
	PNG Banquet	Rosemont Ballroom A & B
9 p.m.	Pre-registration, registration, photo ID closes	
9:30 p.m.	Bourse and exhibit set-up closes	

Tuesday August 13

8 a.m.	Photo ID, pre-registration and registration opens	North Lobby
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	North Lobby
	Auction lot viewing opens	East Ballroom 27-29
	ANA business meeting No. 1	East Ballroom 20 & 21
9 a.m.	Chicago Highlights tour including Sears Tower Observatory	
	ANA convention seminar	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	ANA First Day of Issue numismatic commemorative stamp ceremony	Room 8
10:30 a.m.	YN reception and orientation	Room 4
11 a.m.	All exhibits must be in place	
	ANA hospitality room opens	East Ballroom 26
11:30 a.m.	Official convention opening ceremonies	North Lobby
Noon	Ribbon cutting, bourse and exhibits open to the public	North Lobby
	Numismatic Theater opens	East Ballroom 22 & 24
3 p.m.	Civil War Token Society	Room 7
	ANA hospitality room closes	
4 p.m.	Exhibit judges meeting	Room 1
6:15 p.m.	Baseball game tour Chicago Cubs vs. Montreal Expos	
7 p.m.	Pre-registration, registration, photo ID, bourse floor, exhibits and auction lot viewing closes	
	ANA Auction Session I	Rosemont Ballroom C
7:30 p.m.	Numismatic Theater Seminar	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	Bourse, exhibit areas must be vacated	

Wednesday August 14

8 a.m.	Auction lot viewing opens	East Ballroom 27-29
9 a.m.	Pre-registration, registration and photo ID open	North Lobby
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	North Lobby
	ANA convention seminar	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	PNG general meeting	Rooms 13-14
	Risky Business tour of Federal Reserve Bank and Chicago Board of Trade	
	Great America Theme Park YN tour	
	Judges familiarization and certification	Room 4
9:30 a.m.	John Reich Collectors Society	Room 1
10 a.m.	Society of Paper Money Collectors	Room 3
11 a.m.	ANA Hospitality Room opens	East Ballroom 26
Noon	Numismatic Theater opens	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	Photo ID closes	
1 p.m.	La Societe Americane Pour L'Etude de la Numismatique Francaise	Room 1
	The World of Frank Lloyd Wright tour	
	YN adult leaders and advisors	Room 8
1:30 p.m.	ANA regional coordinators	East Ballroom 21
3 p.m.	ANA Hospitality Room closes	
3:30 p.m.	ANA membership roundtable	East Ballroom 20
5 p.m.	ANA World Series of Numismatics	East Ballroom 23 & 25
6:30 p.m.	1891 Club reception	Hyatt Sundeck/Diplomat
7 p.m.	An evening with Scarface, Bugsy, Hinky Dink and the Gang tour with dinner	
	Auction lot viewing closes	
	Admission to bourse and exhibits closes	
	Auction Session II	Rosemont Ballroom C
	Pre-registration and registration closes	
7:30 p.m.	Bourse, exhibit areas must be vacated	
8 p.m.	Sing-A-Long, everyone invited	Hyatt Northwest

Thursday August 15

8 a.m.	Token and Medal Society Board	Room 6
	ICTA S. 1349 oversight committee	Hyatt Pan American A
	Auction lot viewing opens	East Ballroom 27-29
8:30 a.m.	Professional Currency Dealers Association	Room 2
	Numismatic Ambassador breakfast	Room 7
	Bust Half Nut Club Board	Room 10
	The Elongated Collectors Board	Room 11
9 a.m.	ANA convention seminar	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	Risky Business tour Federal Reserve Bank and Mercantile Exchange	
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	North Lobby
	ICTA finance/audit committees	Hyatt Pan American B
9:30 a.m.	YN educational forum	Room 8
	Pre-registration and registration open	North Lobby
10 a.m.	Liberty Seated Collectors Club	Room 1
	Numismatic Literary Guild Symposium	Room 2
	Bourse and exhibits open to the public	
	Bust Half Nut Club	Room 9
10:30 a.m.	ICTA State & Local Affairs committee	Hyatt Pan American A
	ICTA Federal & Regulatory Affairs committee	Hyatt Pan American B
11 a.m.	The Elongated Collectors	Room 11
	ANA Hospitality Room opens	East Ballroom 26
Noon	ICTA membership committee	Hyatt Pan American A
	Exhibit area closed to competitive exhibitors	
12:30 p.m.	Auction lot pick-up closes	
1 p.m.	Museum of Science and Industry YN tour	
	Chicago Historical Society and Hull House tour	
	Numismatic Bibliomania Society	Room 1
	ANA coin club management seminar	Room 4
1:30 p.m.	ICTA CABDAP meeting	Hyatt Pan American B
	Token and Medal Society	Room 2
2 p.m.	American Society of Check Collectors	Room 9
	Exhibit area open to all	

Thursday August 15

2:30 p.m.	Advisory Council meeting	Room 3
3 p.m.	Society of Ration Token Collectors	Room 2
	ICTA Ethics committee meeting and hearing	Hyatt Pan American A
	ANA Hospitality Room closes	
5 p.m.	ANA World Series of Numismatics	East Ballroom 23 & 25
	ICTA annual meeting	Hyatt Northwest
	Exhibiting and judging seminar	Room 1
6 p.m.	ICTA nominating committee meeting	Hyatt Pan American B
7 p.m.	ANA coin club management seminar	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	Admission to bourse and exhibits close	
	TAMS banquet	Hyatt United A
	Auction lot viewing closes	
	Pre-registration and registration closes	
7:30 p.m.	ANA Consumer Alert Forum	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	Auction Session III	Rosemont Ballroom C
	Bourse, exhibit areas must be vacated	Rosemont Ballroom C
9:30 p.m.	NLG Bash	Rosemont Ballroom A

Friday August 16

7:45 a.m.	ICTA model commodity code project, Washington conference committee	Hyatt Pan American A & B
8 a.m.	Auction lot viewing opens	East Ballroom 27-29
	ANA district delegates breakfast	Hyatt Diplomat
	National Silver Dollar Roundtable breakfast	Hyatt TWA
8:30 a.m.	Abe Kosoff YN Award Breakfast	Rooms 11-14
9 a.m.	ANA convention seminar	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	Early American Coppers	Room 1
	ICTA Board meeting	Hyatt United A & B
	Dedicated Wooden Money Collectors board and general meeting	Room 6
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	North Lobby
9:30 a.m.	Pre-registration and registration open	Lobby
	YN auction	Rooms 11-14
	Auction lot pick-up opens	East Ballroom 27-29
10 a.m.	TAMS symposium	Room 2
	Bourse and exhibits open to the public	
10:30 a.m.	Friendship Luncheon cruise	
11 a.m.	International Primitive Money Society	Room 8
	ANA Hospitality Room opens	East Ballroom 20 & 21
12:30 p.m.	Auction lot pick-up closes	
1 p.m.	ANA coin club management seminar	Room 4
	Love Token Society	Room 6
3 p.m.	ANA Hospitality Room closes	
	ANA awards presentation	East Ballroom 20 & 21
	National Silver Dollar Roundtable	Room 7
4:30 p.m.	Judges familiarization and certification	Room 3
5 p.m.	ANA World Series of Numismatics	East Ballroom 23 & 25
6:30 p.m.	Auction Session IV	Rosemont Ballroom C
7 p.m.	Auction lot viewing closes	
	Admission to bourse, exhibits, pre-registration and registration closes	
7:30 p.m.	Bourse, exhibit areas must be vacated	
	Educational Forum	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	CONECA Banquet	Hyatt Northwest
8 p.m.	Old Timer Assay Commissioners Society	Hyatt Diplomat

Saturday August 17

8 a.m.	Goodfellow Breakfast	Hyatt Diplomat
	International Bank Note Society Board	Room 7
	Auction lot viewing opens	East Ballroom 27-29
8:30 a.m.	Shedd Aquarium and Art Institute tour	
	Barber Coin Collectors Society	Room 9
	Society of Private and Pioneer Numismatics	Room 6
9 a.m.	ANA convention seminar	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	Society for U.S. Commemorative Coins	Room 2
	Bourse opens to dealers with tables	North Lobby
	International Bank Note Society	Room 7
	ANA business meeting No. 2	Room 11-14
	Boy Scout Merit Badge Clinic	Room 1

Saturday August 17

9:30 a.m.	Casino Chips & Gaming Token Collectors	Room 8
	Auction lot pick-up opens	East Ballroom 27-29
	Pre-registration and registration open	North Lobby
10 a.m.	Souvenir Card Collectors Society	Room 9
	Numismatics International meeting and educational forum	Room 6
	Bourse and exhibits open to the public	
10:30 a.m.	International Organization of Wooden Money Collectors board and general meeting	Room 10
11 a.m.	Chicago Coin Club	Room 3 & 4
	ANA Hospitality Room opens	
Noon	Numismatic Theater opens	East Ballroom 22 & 24
	Auction lot viewing closes	
12:30 p.m.	Auction Session V	Rosemont Ballroom C
	Auction lot pickup closes	
1 p.m.	Russian Numismatic Society	Room 2
2 p.m	ANA club representatives	Room 9
3 p.m.	ANA membership reception honoring 40-year and 50-year members only	East Ballroom 21
	ANA Hospitality Room closes	
4 p.m.	Judges familiarization and certification	Room 8
6 p.m.	Pre-registration, registration, admission to bourse and exhibits close	
	Numismatic Theater closes	
7 p.m.	ANA reception	Foyer of Hyatt New Ballroom
7:30 p.m.	Bourse, exhibits must be vacated	
8 p.m.	ANA Banquet	Hyatt New Ballroom

Sunday August 18

8 a.m.	Non-denominational worship service	East Ballroom 20
9:30 a.m.	Pre-registration and registration open	North Lobby
10 a.m.	Bourse open to dealers with tables	North Lobby
11 a.m.	ANA Open Forum on "Attracting New Blood to the Hobby"	East Ballroom 22 & 24
2 p.m.	Pre-registration, registration closes	
3 p.m.	One-way traffic begins. Admission to bourse and exhibits closes	
	Exhibitors may remove exhibits	
4 p.m.	Bourse, exhibits must be vacated	

MEETING NOTICE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th
9:30 a.m. ROOM #8
AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASS'N
100th ANNIVERSARY CONVENTION
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

The above schedule is published for your information in the event you have collecting interests other than casino chips and gaming tokens. Most meetings held are open to the public and admission to the convention is free. If you have never attended a coin convention before, the A.N.A. convention is the grand-daddy of them all.

Of the several hundred coin dealers with tables at this show, several offer chips and tokens. Of course a highlight of our annual meeting is the horse-trading among CC&GTCC members that follows our short business meeting. Bring your traders!

'NEVADA UPDATE'

By Janice O'Neal, Club Historian, CH-008

Time to bring everyone up to date on what's new to find in chips and tokens: VACATION VILLAGE L.V. has added a $1 chip for their dice tables. H&C BGE, 4 ORG H.S.

A new "Special Events" chip is now at LADY LUCK L.V. The original is triangle and club mold. New issue is HrsHds Rt mold. Both are Beige H.S.

CAESARS PALACE L.V. has a new $25 Chipco $25 chip on their tables. What a beauty! I've been told that all of the regular $25 chips throughout the casino have been replaced by the new ones. Colors are: Dk Grn, Lt Grn, Gray, Yel, Blk & Wht. (Ed Note: See separate story elsewhere)

Thanks to Walter Dirzulaittis for finding the new $5 chip at IMPERIAL PALACE LV. House mold, Red 3 pnk/grn/pnk Blk 1/2 Red 1/2 Wht CI "Las Vegas, NV". Old one was red 3 pnk and "Las Vegas"..... but he missed the $1 chip. Our thanks to Tom Hitselberger for finding that one! House mold, gray h.s., slightly different dollar sign and logo. Also has NV on new one, old one simply has "Las Vegas". Looks like this might be the start of a new trend.

The TROPICANA LV $1 chip also has been changed, but only by a modification of the center inlay. Again, "Las Vegas NV" has been added, just under "A RAMADA HOTEL". No one has mentioned any change to the $5 chip yet. Meanwhile, another 5 NCV match play chip has surfaced at the TROPICANA LV. House mold, 1/2 Wht 1/2 Dk red, H.S.

VIRGIN RIVER Mesquite has added a .25 cent chip for their late night dice tables. H&S BGE, H.S.

BALLY'S RENO has slipped another CHIPCO issue by everyone! A New Years chip has been found by Dean Richmond of Washoe Antiques in May! Another CHIPCO Collector Series, $5 "HAVANA NEW YEAR'S 1991" Colors are: Red, Wht, Prp, Yel, on Blk with a palm tree and sun design at the top. Come on now all you people! With 500+ members in this club, five months is too long for a new "CHIPCO" to go undiscovered!

QUALITY INN, 3800 S. Virginia Ave. Reno has become the CLARION HOTEL. CLARION using almost the same obverse design on new 1991 NCM token as the old QUALITY INN (1990) NCM token. Reverse on new token shows the hotel. Chips are H&C: $1 Lt blu, $2.50 Salmon 4 prp, $5 Red 4 pnk/yel with same Center Insert designs.

JAILHOUSE, Ely, has discontinued live gaming. More obsolete chips! GOLD CLUB, Sparks, closed on May 20, '91. It is reported sold, but no word on who the buyer is or what plans are for a re-opening. ROYAL CASINO LV closed on May 23, 1991.

Club member VINCE MOWERY was credited with finding the first 1991 major casino token (EL CORTEZ HOTEL LV). Now he gets credit for finding the second 1991 token at the FRONTIER, LV (CT). Only two new LV tokens in six months? I wonder what the second half of the year will bring?

There are two tokens at GOLD STRIKE HOTEL, Jean, for 1990. One has zeros in $1 on reverse like 1988. Second one has no zeros and no dollar sign. New in Laughlin; Set of 7 (yes, seven) tokens at RIVERSIDE. Don Laughlin portrait - common obverse. Seven different antique slot machines on reverses. Outstanding!! (Ed note; see separate news article clipping sent in by Jim Munding) Descriptions of the 7 reverses are as follows: 1> Bally's Double Bell, 1939. 2> Burtmier Pony, 1934. 3> Eagle, 1910. 4> Jennings Delux Sun Chief, 1951. 5> Mills Lion Head, 1931. 6> Mills Silent War Eagle, 1931. 7> Watling's Rol-A-Top Coin Front, 1935. PIONEER, Laughlin, has a new token (1991) CT brass. CT is small. Pretty close to the RWM (1988) design. Also, one that has been missed in Laughlin: HARRAH'S DEL RIO has a dated 1990 NCM. (I don't even have this one!) CHEERS HOTEL, Reno, has a new (1991) token, no route company on the reverse.

Another avalanche of <u>BAR TOKENS</u> in the Las Vegas area in April: CASSIDY'S, FRONT ROW LOUNGE, WHISKEY CREEK SALOON, PAT HAND LOUNGE in Henderson (was Reflections), APPLEBEE'S BAR, CHOICES, TERRY'S VILLA, BIG DOGS BAR & GRILL (this one is great!), POINT AFTER LOUNGE, RAM'S HEAD LOUNGE, BOULDERDASH (on Boulder Hwy, of course!), TUMBLEWEED BAR, 4 MILE BAR, GINO'S II (don't know about GINO's I), GOLDEN HOUSE, SUM PLACE ELSE, FRANK HAWKINS SPORTS LOUNGE, SNAKES 25 CLUB, TOONS SALOON (even has Bugs Bunny on it), and BADLANDS SALOON. Also, just discovered: a restaurant/lounge with a $5 slot machine. $5 token is 1990 GD brass. Found at RENATA'S 4451 Sunset in Henderson.

Four of the Inn Zone Bars in Las Vegas have changed names in the past month. All say that new tokens have been ordered: INN ZONE/FORT APACHE is now, "CANYON LAKES BAR", INN ZONE/CHEYANNE is now, "CHEYENNE SALOON", INN ZONE/TROPICANA is now, "TIME IN BAR", AND INN ZONE/UNIVERSITY is now, "UNIVERSITY BAR". BALLPARK LOUNGE, LV has two (1991) CT tokens. Plain edge and reeded edge. WHISTLE STOP, LV also has two tokens (1990) C&R Coin. One has no mint mark the other is marked NCM. Another PT'S PUB has been found at 347 N. Nellis. It has a 1990 NCM token.

<u>NOTES FROM CALIFORNIA:</u> COMMERCE CASINO has two new chips, others will be changed soon. $1 BJ Dk Blu 4 Dk Pnk MI; $5 BJ Dk Yel 4 Lt Grn MI. THE REGENCY, Bell California, has replaced the .50 cent unicorn Lt Org H.S. chip with a .50 cent H&C Brt Org H.S. chip. ARTICHOKE JOE'S has new $1 & $2 CHIPCO issues. VERY PRETTY!

<u>FROM MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN:</u> A whole new area of collectibles has opened up here with Indian gaming. JACKPOT JUNCTION CASINO in Morton, Minnesota. Lower Sioux Indian community, a $5 chip, plain red w/3 dk grn h.s. and a $1 token (1990) NCM. TREASURE ISLAND CASINO Welch, Minnesota Prairie Island Sioux Indian community has a $2.50 chip pln pnk 3 splt grn, h.s. plus a $5 chip pln red 3 splt dk pnk h.s. and a $1 token 1990 NCM. A $1 chip has just been added at TREASURE ISLAND; Mermaids rim, dk blu w/silver h.s. initials only, "TIC". GRAND CASINO Onamia, Minnesota, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has a red $5 H&C chip 3 wht/yel/dk glk... grn, blk, gol, wht CI. Their $1 token is a 1991 CT.

LITTLE 6 CASINO Prior Lake, Minnesota has a $1 Org BJ chip w/4 brn MI and a $5 red BJ chip w/3 blu/yel/blu MI.

MENOMINEE NATION CASINO Keshena, Wisconsin has a plain dk yel .50 cent chip w/3 off wht h.s. and a $1.00 pln off wht 3 blk h.s. and a $5 pln red 3 off wht h.s. set. ST. CROIX CASINO Turtle Lake, Wisconsin has a set of "SCC" initials only chips with two styles of lettering on the .50 cent and $1 chips. All are mermaid rim and gold h.s. The .50 cent is Brt dk pnk, $1 is org, $2 is Red, and the $5 is blk.

FROM MICHIGAN INDIANS: THE GRAND TRAVERSE BAND near Traverse City, Michigan has issued new chips. The chips now say, "LEELANAU SANDS CASINO" on them. $1 Hrs Hds Rt dk blu... blk, brn, red, wht CI. $5 Hrs Hds Rt dk red, 2 bge... blk, brn, red, wht CI. In place of a .50 cent chip they are now using a .50 cent antique brass gaming token, 1991 CT.

Elsewhere in this issue you will read about the MISSISSIPPI RIVER BOATS! A chip collectors dream come true.. the chips are rolling in!!

I am now getting such a great response from so many members on what they are finding, I can no longer thank you all by name as I have before. (Leaves me with more room to talk about chips and tokens anyway!) But please be advised that I do thank each and everyone of you for taking the time to help me keep the Nevada (and other places) updates going. I could never do it alone!!

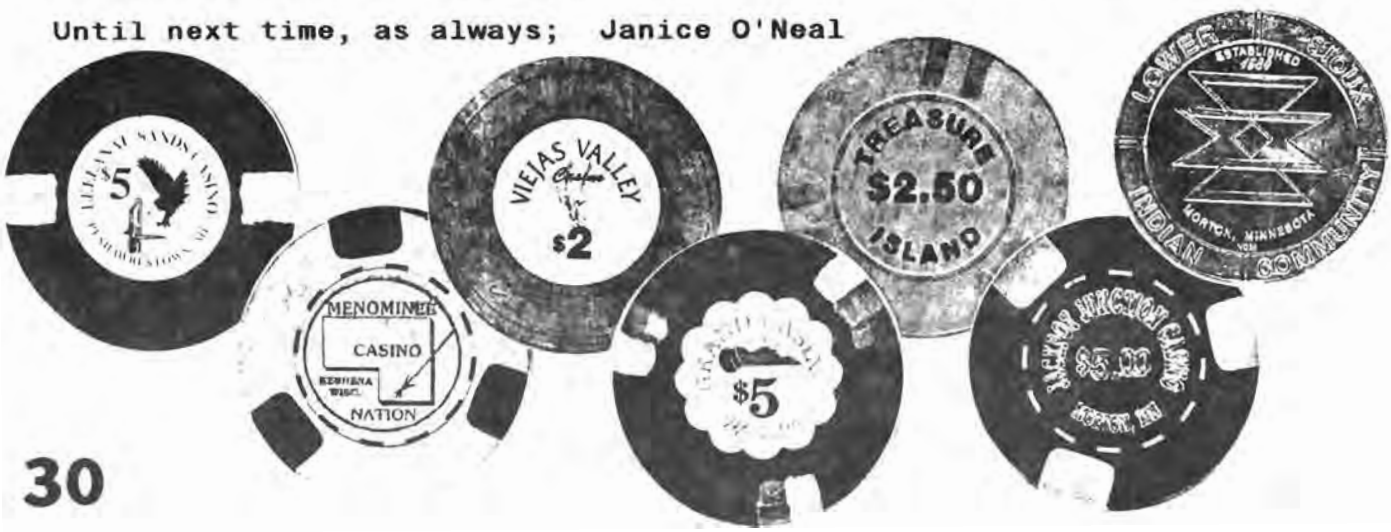
A special "Thank You" to those that have ordered my token lists in the past three months, and have taken the time to correct my errors, and to send me information on some slot tokens that no one else knew existed! The lists have been upgraded many times already.

If anyone else is interested in receiving copies of these lists, they are divided by (1) BARS, LOUNGES, PUBS, & RESTAURANTS. (2) STORES; such as GROCERY, DRUGS, & K-MART. (3) NEVADA $1 TOKENS for 1988-1989-1990 AND 1991. Please send $1.50 for postage and a large envelope to; JANICE O'NEAL 1836 FISK ROAD HOWELL, MI 48843.

In the near future, we will have ready for mailing a listing of all years of Nevada gaming tokens by casino. We will also continue the year lists back thru 1979. The 1965-1969 Franklin Mint years are pretty well documented, but from 1979 on there seems to be a lack of documented information..... especially for new collectors.

Again, I want to thank all of you for helping and please keep on with sending me notice of what you find out there in the collectors jungle.

Until next time, as always; Janice O'Neal



ONE DOLLAR GAMING TOKEN
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RESTAURANT & LOUNGE
GOLDEN HOUSE
SNAKE'S CLUB
BAR AND GRILL

CAESARS PALACE ISSUES NEW $25 CHIP FOR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

To commemorate its upcoming 25h anniversary year, Caesars Palace has issued a new $25 chip on May 1st, 1991 and it will be available on the tables for one year only, through April 30 1992. The chip features a unique 25th anniversary design with Caesars Palace insignias, and the phrases "Entertaining the World for 25 Years" and the inscription "1966-1991" on each chip's edge.

Chipco International Ltd. of Windham, Maine, manufactured 50,000 of the very attractive anniversary chips, which are green with white, orange, black and blue imprints, for the resort's casino.

In a Press Release from Ceasars, according to Margaret Kurtz, Public Relations Coordinator for Caesars, "the chips will continue to be redeemable for cash in the casino, by customers already possessing them after April 30, 1992, although the remaining supply of anniversary chips on the tables and in storage at Caesars Palace will be destroyed after that date."

In addition to regular use in casinos, gaming tokens and casino chips have become popular with collectors. "Collecting gaming tokens and chips has become very popular since the casinos dropped the silver dollar about 1964," commented the president of The Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club, Archie Black. "Special events and issues which are pulled quickly are eagerly sought after by collectors," Black continued. "Unlike tokens, very few chips are dated.... 99% of all chips issued have no date at all."

This anniversary chip release is the first of special events and entertainment activities planned in honor of the resort's silver anniversary.

Caesars Palace opened on August 5, 1966 with 680 guest rooms, two restaurants, a showroom, 6,534 square feet of casino space and a unique Greco-Roman theme which featured graceful marble statuary, gardens and fountains.

A yearly winner of awards for top facilities and service, the resort now includes more than 1500 lavish guest rooms and suites, nine elegant restaruants, 115,000 square feet of casino space, an OMNIMAX theatre in addition to the 1200 seat Circus Maximus Showroom, a 16,000 square foot race and sports book, a 1500 space covered parking complex, and unique theme evident throughout the 80-acre resort. Caesars Palace enjoys the reputation of being one of the very finest hotel/casinos in Las Vegas.

• A 40-seat roulette table, the largest in the world, went into action at the Eldorado Hotel Casino in Reno in April. The table, 27 feet long and 17 feet wide, is U-shaped and actually accommodates four separate wheels. Rather than cloth, the table top is made of brightly colored formica—a different color for each wheel. Eldorado casino manager Rob Mouchou called roulette the fastest growing game at his casino. "It offers the same advantage as slot machines in that there is no intimidation factor," he explains. "It's easy to learn, to play, and it's a fast-moving, fun game."

• The bankrupt Aladdin Casino Hotel will go on the auction block in June, with a minimum bid of $53.5 million. The successful bidder will also have to assume the hotel's debts of almost $150 million.

IMPERIAL PALACE GAMING CHIPS

The Imperial Palace is introducing new $5 and $25 gaming chips. Old $5 and $25 chips may be redeemed 24 hours per day through midnight July 31, 1991, at the Casino Cage at the:

IMPERIAL PALACE HOTEL & CASINO
3535 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Las Vegas,NV 89109

'DEADWOOD DEALINGS'

By Janice O'Neal CH-008

I hear that there is lots of activity in Deadwood, but not much for collectors. (We are on our way to check it out personally.)

GOLDIGGERS, 629 Main Street opened on April 11, 1991. For the first time on a slot token, the mint mark (NCM) is followed by a copyright mark. Chips are CHIPCO! $1 Brn, Yel, Blk on Wht; $5 is Red, Lav, Yel, Blk on Wht.

It would appear that there is some confusion on the part of some club members regarding the Deadwood $25 chips. Some are under the mis-impression that there are .25 cent chips. NO .25 cent chips have ever been available in Deadwood.

HICKOK HOUSE (Best Western) changed owners on April 1st. Chips and tokens remain the same. On January 22, 1991, LEGENDS OF THE WILD WEST moved to 678 Main Street (next to CALAMITY JANES). THE GREEN DOOR (which now handles JACKPOT CHARLEY's live gaming) opened on April 1st using the original JACKPOT CHARLEY'S chips. NICKELODEON has become the PINK PONY. No live gaming at this time and are still using Good Time Novelty Route tokens. FAIRMONT HOTEL, even though it opens at times for parties, is not presently open and there are no chips or tokens. PHATTY THOMPSONS closed on May 10th. THE MIDNIGHT STAR has added some extra construction, a whole third floor, before opening. Tentative date is now July 1st.

Also in South Dakota, on the eastern side of the state, are two Indian casinos: ROYAL RIVER CASINO, Flandreau, SD has neat CHIPCO chips. $1 Red, Blu, Blk, Brn, Yel on Wht with Old West Store on the obverse. Their $5 chip is the same on both sides, Red,Blu,Blk on Wht. They also have a $1 & $5 token... 1990 CT. DAKOTA SIOUX CASINO, Watertown, SD $1 chips are Pln Wht w/3 prp H.S. The $5 is Pln Red w/3-prp H.S. They also have a $25 Pln Grn w/3 prp H.S.

My thanks, as always, to ED NELSON for keeping me up on what is currently happening in the hills..... Janice.

Hard Rock aims for high rollers

▶ The Hard Rock Cafe is about to become the Hard Rock Casino – that is if **Peter Morton**, co-founder of the popular chain of rock 'n' roll eateries, and Harrah's Casino Hotels have their way. The two are joining forces to open the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. The 326-room hotel will include a 2,000-seat arena, a 25,000-square-foot casino and, at the main entrance, a gigantic piano keyboard that will play classics by the likes of such rockin' 88 legends as **Jerry Lee Lewis** and **Elton John**.

SUMMER TOKEN SALE

1965 DOLLARS	CITY/MINT	PRICE
BILL & EFFIE'S	VDI (W) CIRC	$20.00
GOLDEN NUGGET	LV (FM) CIRC	$ 4.50
HARVEYS	STLN (MT) CIRC	$ 5.00
JOE MACKIES	WIN (MT) CIRC	$18.00
NEVADA CLUB/LODGE	R/CB (MT) CIRC	$20.00
PIONEER CLUB	LV (FM) CIRC	$ 4.00
RENO HORSESHOE	R (FM) CIRC	$ 3.00
RIVERSIDE	R (FM) PL	$ 7.00
SOUTH TAHOE NUGGET	STLN (FM) PL	$ 7.00

1966 DOLLARS (ALL FM)

FRANKLIN MINT PL SET IN CARDS 72 PCS		$295
SINGLES AVAILABLE OF ABOVE YOUR CHOICE		$5@
ARUBA HOTEL	SILVERCLAD	$10.00
CALIENTE	SILVERCLAD	$10.00
CASINO 93 JKP	SILVERCLAD	$15.00
ELEMBAJADOR	SILVERCLAD	$10.00
HOTEL CARACAO	SILVERCLAD	$10.00
HOTEL QUITO	SILVERCLAD	$10.00
JOE MACKIES WIN	SILVERCLAD	$15.00
RED BULL WIN	SILVERCLAD	$15.00
LITTLE BAY BEACH	SILVERCLAD	$10.00
SAHARA TAHOE	SILVERCLAD	$15.00
SURINAM TORARICA	SILVERCLAD	$10.00

1967 DOLLARS (ALL FM)

BONANZA HOTEL	LV	PROOF	$ 8.00
GOLD STRIKE INN	BDM	PROOF	$ 8.00
JIM KELLEY NUGGET	RNO	PROOF	$ 8.00
MAPES	RNO	PROOF	$ 8.00
PONDEROSA	RNO	P.L.	$ 7.00
RAINBOW CLUB	HEN	P.L.	$ 7.00
SILVER SPUR	CC	PROOF	$ 8.00

1967 HALF DOLLARS (ALL FM)

ALADDIN HOTEL	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
CARSON CITY NUGGET		PROOF	$ 5.00
CLUB CAL NEVA		PROOF	$ 5.00
DAYTONA BCH KENNEL		PROOF	$ 5.00
DESERT INN	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
DUNES HOTEL	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
EL CORTEZ	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
FABULOUS FLAGLER MIAMI		PROOF	$ 5.00
GRAYHOUND PARK PHOENIX		PROOF	$ 5.00
GOLDEN GATE CASINO	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
GOLDEN NUGGET	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
HACIENDA HOTEL	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
HAROLDS CLUB	RNO	PROOF	$ 5.00
HARVEYS RESORT	LT	PROOF	$ 5.00
HOLIDAY HOTEL	RNO	PROOF	$ 5.00
LANDMARK TOWER	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
LAS VEGAS CLUB	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
MAPES HOTEL	RNO	PROOF	$ 5.00
PONDEROSA HOTEL	RNO	PROOF	$ 5.00
RIVERSIDE HOTEL	RNO	PROOF	$ 5.00
SAHARA HOTEL	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
SHOWBOAT HOTEL	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00
SLIVER SLIPPER	LV	PROOF	$ 5.00

1968 DOLLARS (ALL FM)

FM PROOF SET IN CARDS		48 PIECES	$295.00
ARUBA SHERATON		PROOF	$ 6.50
CACTUS PETEES	JKP	PROOF	$ 8.50
CAL-NEV-ARI	CNA	PROOF	$ 8.50
CASTAWAYS	LV	P.L.	$ 7.00
CIRCUS CIRCUS	LV	CIRC	$ 3.00
CLUB CAL-NEVA	RNO	PROOF	$ 8.50
COLON HOTEL	QUITO	PROOF	$ 6.50
CURACAO HILTON	CUR	PROOF	$ 6.50
CRYSTAL CLUB	SPKS	PROOF	$ 8.50
EL CASINO	FRPT	PROOF	$ 6.50
EL CORTEZ HOTEL	LV	PROOF	$ 8.50
FLAMBOYANT BEACH HOTEL		PROOF	$ 6.50
FELIX'S BANK CLUB	LOV	PROOF	$ 8.50
FERRIS	WIN	PROOF	$ 8.50
GAY 90'S CLUB	NLV	PROOF	$ 8.50
JOE DINI'S LUCKY CLUB		PROOF	$ 8.50
MONTE CARLO CASINO	FRPT	PROOF	$ 8.50
MUSTANG CLUB	ELY	PROOF	$ 8.50
OWL CLUB	BTMN	PROOF	$ 8.50
PALACE CLUB	RNO	PROOF	$ 8.50
PALACE HOTEL	SURN	PROOF	$ 6.50
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More than token respect for Laughlin pioneer

By MARC A. WONDRA
Gambler Staff Writer

Twenty-five years ago Don Laughlin put a few slot machines in an old motel on the banks of the Colorado River. Today his casino is one of 10 that consistently rank Laughlin (the town) as the third most productive gaming community in Nevada.

To help celebrate the silver anniversary of the Riverside Resort Hotel and Casino, and to pay tribute to the man who started it all, the slot department at the Riverside has replaced all of their one dollar tokens with special limited edition tokens bearing the likeness of Don Laughlin himself.

According to Peyton Parker, slot director at the Riverside, the idea for the token came about after the idea for a token featuring antique slots was expanded to include the likeness of Laughlin.

"Laughlin has an extensive collection of slots," Parker said. "They are what got him started, and he was the one who started the gambling boom here so we felt he should have his picture on the token."

Parker said an actual sculpture was created from a picture of Laughlin, and then the dye for the coin was cast by Nevada Coin Mart of Las Vegas. The new tokens number 750,000, with seven distinct styles.

"There are seven different tokens," Parker said. "Each different style has an antique slot machine on one side and Laughlin's face on the other. Each machine represented is in Laughlin's personal collection."

This event also marks the first time there was a complete turnover in Riverside tokens. All of the casino's dollar machines have been altered to accept only the new 25th Anniversary token.

"We made the change-over in one night," Parker explained. "It took about five hours. We just started at one end of the casino and worked our way through."

Parker said the casino posted signs warning patrons of the change and will continue to exchange old tokens for the new ones. He is also preparing for interest from collectors.

"We have set aside a number of uncirculated coins," he said. "We will sell them as a set as soon as we get cases for them." He added that uncirculated coins of the old design are also still available.

"We will destroy the bulk of the old tokens, so the number of uncirculated tokens in the old design will be greatly decreased. There will be less of those than of the limited edition tokens."

With the advent of such a new design will obviously prompt customers to keep the tokens for their collections or to give as gifts. Parker said when the Riverside produces more tokens they will not effect the limited addition status of the coins now being used.

Editor's Note:

Thanks to club member Jim Munding for sending in the above clipping that originally appeared in the April 2, 1991 issue of "THE LAUGHLIN GAMBLER"

Common obverse design for all seven tokens

A PIECE OF HISTORY/The new Riverside $1 token is now in use at Don Laughlin's casino.

'THE GAMING TOKEN CORNER'

By Jim Neiswonger R-156

"STRIKES, RE-STRIKES AND STRIKE OUTS"

Again, a new token has shown up in the mid-west, called "JACKPOT JUNCTION". Lower Sioux Indian community, located in Morton Minnesota. It is ni-sil, mint NCM, no date. My guess is it's 1989 or 1990. I also heard of a possible casino in Shakcopee, Minnesota, but no verification.

Bernie Walters of Vincentown, New Jersey was kind enough to send an article re; Casino Tokens, Inc. The company is building a 15,000 square foot office and minting facility scheduled to open in August. It is located at 2912 N. Commerce St. and will cost $800,000.

As promised in the last column, here are some clues for identifying the year of issue for Harrah tokens from Nevada:

1. If the token reads "Reno and Lake Tahoe" then it has to be 1965 or 1966. The 1965 token is larger (40mm) than the 1966 (37mm). There are several other differences in the lettering, but size is the easiest determination.

1965

1966

2. The next tokens put out were 1979. Harrah separated the location, issuing one for Lake Tahoe and another for Reno. The next year, 1980, they issued new tokens for both locations with a <u>new logo.</u> Both the 1979 & 1980 tokens were struck in brass. So the differences are in the lettering style and the apostrophe used in the word "HARRAH'S, as follows:

1979

1980

The apostrophe used for both 1979 issues is a standard configuration while the apostrophe used in 1980 is a four pointed star shape. The lettering is also different. The 1979 used Roman lettering, while the "new logo" design for 1980 used gothic letters. But the easiest and quickest way to differentiate between these brass tokens is the apostrophe.

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Harrah's issued new tokens in 1983 for both Reno and Lake Tahoe. These tokens are ni-sil instead of brass, also adding the location of the casino to the logo. In 1988, another token was issued for both Tahoe and Reno, but this new token was minted by Green Duck Co. and thus the familiar "gd" mintmark was added to the tokens.

1983

1988

As you can see, there are many differences in the wording... but the easiest and quickest here is the presence of a mint mark.

In 1988, Harrah's also issued tokens for their new casino in Laughlin, Nevada... HARRAH'S DEL RIO. However, they added the year, and followed that issue with new tokens dated 1989 and 1990.

For those of you who are seriously interested in collecting gaming tokens, I heartedly recommend DON & JEAN'S series of pamphlets titled, "CASINO GAMING TOKEN GUIDE". They can be reached at 5350 Jackson Drive #186, La Mesa, CA 92041. Also helpful is the COIN COMPANY's list of tokens issued 1965 through 1988. They can be reached at Box 1000, Minden, NV 89423.

Lastly, but more importantly, I would appreciate hearing from you club members who collect gaming tokens. What's on your mind?

Happy token collecting,
Jim Neiswonger 6549 E. Valle Di Cadore, Tucson, AZ 85175

THANK YOU, JUNE FIELD!!

June Field, Editor/Publisher of "THE CARD PLAYER" has featured collecting chips and gaming tokens in the June 28, 1991 issue of her monthly magazine "for those who play to win". If you send $3.50 to June and mention CC&GTCC, I'm sure she will send you a copy of Volume 4, Number 13 which numbers 76 pages.

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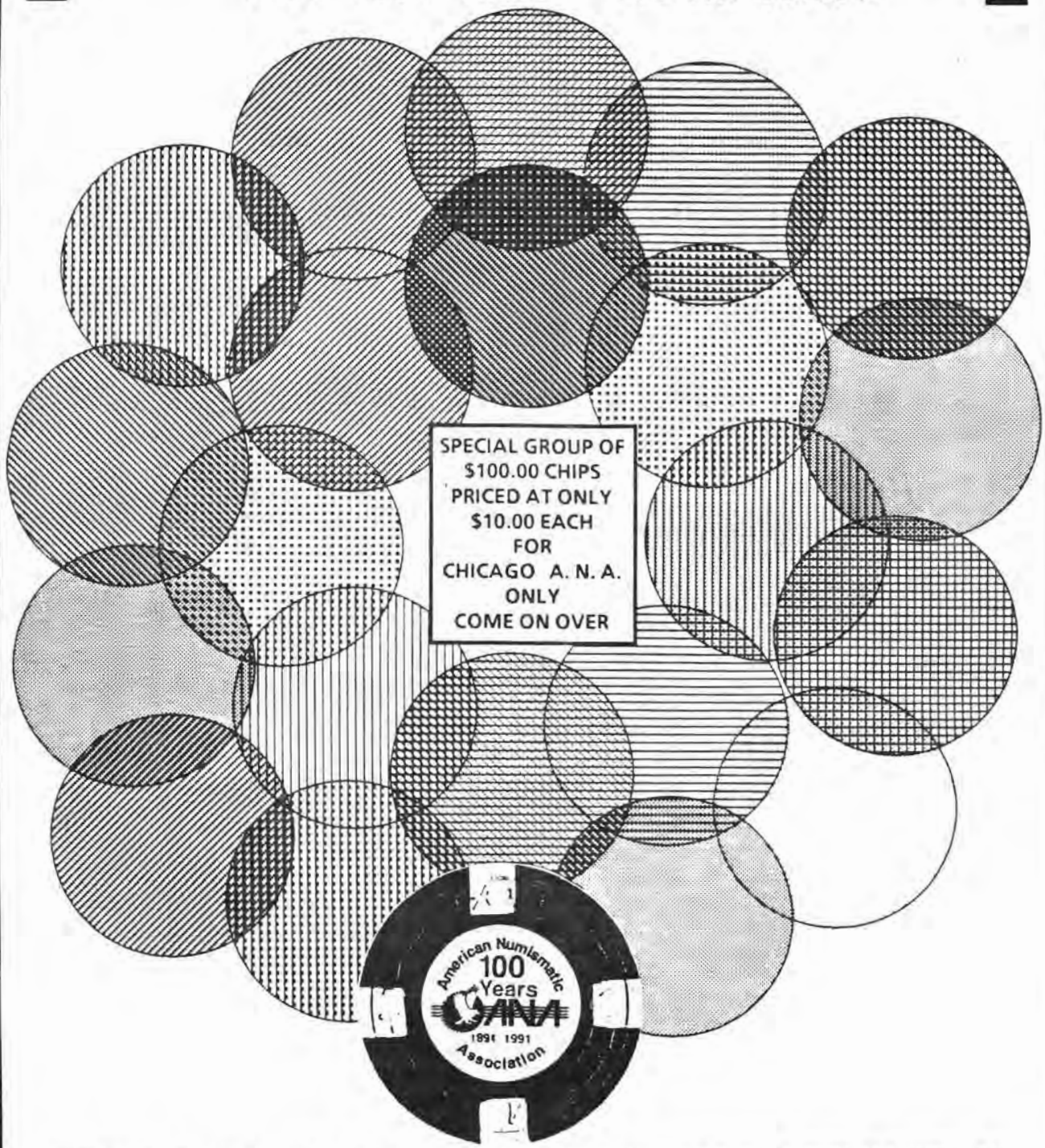

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