

# “MR. CHIPS” NEW ISSUES SERVICE

## ATLANTIC CITY

### e-NEWSLETTER

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“Black’s New Issues Service”

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**Member # HLM-001**

### ACCHIPS WEBSITE

[www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm](http://www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm)

I have updated the “For Sale” list on my website. Subscribers will find many previously unlisted items for sale ... including a substantial number of tokens and other miscellaneous items.

### SOPRANO CHIPS ... FALSE ALARM?

Word on the street is now that since Park Place has purchased Claridge .. and a walkway bridge connecting the two former separate properties has been constructed ... now plans to absorb both properties into the Park Place name ... making Park Place the largest casino in A.C. The the Sopranos chip will not be released as previously announced.

### ALICE COOPER AND SAMMY HAGAR CHIPS AT TRUMP MARINA



**MAR-5x**  
**MAR-25g**  
**MAR-25h (Cooper)**

### A TRIPLE-HEADER AT MARINA!

1000 \$5 Sammy chips and 300 \$25 Sammy chip are to be issued to the public on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Noon. 100 of each denomination were reportedly held back for Sammy.

Also, 1000 \$5 LE chips to commemorate the popular Atlantic City

**“WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, YOU CAN BET MR. CHIPS WILL BE THERE TO PICK THEM UP!”**

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In-Water Boat Show held at Trump Marina each year were also released.

**MAR-5w**

300 \$25 Alice Cooper chips were reported to have been manufactured, but approval from gaming has not been finalized. ( MAR-25h)

**Editorial comment:** The very low number of \$20 & \$25 chips that are now being issued have become increasingly difficult for me to obtain sufficient quantities to supply all of my subscribers. I urge some of the newest subscribers with higher membership numbers to seek a back-up contact to supply these future very limited editions to avoid any disappointments as a result of potential non-delivery from me.

## CC&GTCC BUILDING FUND



Additional donations since the September Newsletter:

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**2001 Edition**

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Year-end close out! Only \$25, plus \$4 Priority Postage.

## AL MARTINO CHIP

“The Whoot”, Atlantic City’s free weekly entertainment newspaper and casino news, has been reporting for the past several weeks that a \$5 Al Martino chip is being planned for release at the Showboat.... but no other details.

At dinner-time, early Thursday evening, October 10<sup>th</sup>, my phone rang with a caller

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from Atlantic City telling me that the Martino chips are on all the tables at Showboat. There was no advance notice and the chips were not delivered to a specific table ... as has been the custom in the past. Instead, each time a fill was delivered to the gaming tables, a stack of Al's chip was included in the normal fill. As a result, it took much searching and begging to accumulate the needed quantity of chips to service my subscribers. I'm a happy man this morning, that I don't have to ration these chips, or cut back on multiple orders. We, (Brenda and I) were able to pick up what we needed to supply everyone.



**SHO-5c (1000 issued)**

Anyhow, for those of you who have been living in a cave for the past few decades, Al Martino was born Alfred Cini. He made his singing debut in Philadelphia with the song “Here In My Heart” in 1952 ... which instantaneously sold over 1 million copies. “Spanish Eyes” (1965) was one of Martino’s most successful hits. “Volare” reached #1 on Italian and

Begium charts in 1966 as well as top 10 in Spain, Holland, France and many other European countries.

Other memorable Marino hits include, “Can’t Help Falling In Love”, “Painted Tainted Rose”, “I Love You More & More Every Day”, “Tears and Roses”, “Living A Lie”, “Mary In The Morning”, “I Love You Because” ....

In 1972, Martino played the much sought-after role of Johnny Fontaine in the epic film “The Godfather” and he also sang the film’s title score, “The Love Theme From The Godfather”.

The same day his chip was released at Showboat, a \$50 per person dinner was held in Martino’s honor, where he was the recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Award.

### HARRAH’S NEW ROULETTE CHIPS

I have replenished most of my inventory of these popular attractive shell chips. Please

email or write to me if anyone wishes to add any these beautiful chips to their collection. Seven colors available.



### “SPIDER” ROULETTES AT TAJ MAHAL

These are the most recent roulette chips that have been introduced at Taj Mahal. I have several different colors presently in stock for those chippers who are interested in roulettes.

### PROPELLER ROULETTES AT SHOWBOAT

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Showboat has brought back a design that used to be reserved for their high roller table. This propeller design is now available to roulette collectors in six colors.

## NEW \$1 TABLE CHIPS AT TRUMP PLAZA

On Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Trump Plaza replaced all their \$1 CHIPCO table chips with their backup Paulson \$1 chips. The \$1 CHIPCO chips will be destroyed. No word on when the \$2.50 chips will be replaced with the Paulson product.



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## SLOT CARDS ANYONE??

Trump Marina has just replaced their slot cards with a brand new series of six cards. The 7<sup>th</sup> variety (The "Wave" for some reason is not being given out.) Very attractive!



## THINK A.C. CASINOS ARE TIGHT??

Check out this story from Motor City Casino in Detroit and remember it next time you spot a coin on the floor or in an unattended slot machine tray.

[http://www.freep.com/news/casinos/nslots26\\_20020926.htm](http://www.freep.com/news/casinos/nslots26_20020926.htm)

## TAJ MAHAL CC&GTCC 15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CHIP

Those of you who have already pre-paid for these 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary CC&GTCC LE chips, please be advised that they will not be issued at Taj Mahal until January, 2003. Your checks will be turned over to the A.C. Chapter at the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting. All I need to know right now is if you want something different than your standing order; please let me know. FINAL NOTICE!

For example; If you are currently signed up for only one \$5 chip ... that's what I will be ordering for you. If you want MORE than one \$5 chip, you will have to let me know before the deadline of December 15<sup>th</sup> so that I know how many orders to place. If you are not now receiving \$25 chips ... then I must know in advance if you want a \$25 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary chip. If you presently are receiving \$25 chips and want additional \$25 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary chips, I must know that as well. All checks should be made out to CC&GTCC at the time you receive the chips. DO NOT make out check payments to Mr. Chips Inc

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## KNIFE & FORK INN \$20CHIP



Trump Plaza issued the first in a series of Atlantic City's famous restaurants. The first chip issued is to commemorate one of the city's most popular non-casino eateries. The Knife & Fork Inn opened in 1912 and was billed as "Atlantic City's First Steak and Seafood Restaurant.."

This chip release was very unusual in that 300 chips were manufactured, but only 120 chips were made available to those in line on the release date. Explanation given by management was that all five restaurant properties in the series have requested full sets for their own use and 180 of the 300 chips manufactured were set aside for all five restaurants involved ... and for "preferred players".

Future issue A.C. landmark restaurant chips are scheduled to be issued for; Angeloni's; Doc's Oyster House; White House Subs; and The Irish Pub.

Once again, I am unable to supply all of my subscribers with this very limited chip. 21 people were in line at the pre-announced 11 a.m. release, which was published in "*The Whoo!*" newspaper a week in advance and also in the *Press of Atlantic City* on the day of issue and also on [thechipboard.com](http://thechipboard.com). With only 120 chips made available, and 21 purchasers in line... a limit of just FIVE chips per person was imposed.

Fortunately, Brenda and I arrived early and were first & second in line ... so we were able to go through a second time and each pick up an additional five chips. My "brother" and his girlfriend were also present to help out much further back in the line. The Thompsons left for Las Vegas earlier that morning and could not be of assistance to me.

My quandary is how to fairly distribute among my subscribers the limited number of chips I was able to pick up without resorting to an auction process.

First consideration: Only one chip per person. No multiple chips will be sold to any one subscriber.

I've arbitrarily put a purchase price on this chip of \$35 each ... and will offer to buy-back the same chip at \$40 each.

I will not be able to provide this chip to any subscriber who is not up to date and who has a previous outstanding balance owed.

I am deeply sorry, but I will not be able to provide this chip to my newest subscribers or to those with a club membership number #4429 and higher who are signed up for \$20 chips as I am exactly one stack (20 chips) short of the number I need for all subscriber requests.

Plus, not only do I not have enough of this chip to satisfy current subscriber demand, I have no extras to offer those who have not already requested \$20 chips.

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## UPCOMING CLUB ELECTIONS

Once again it is time to give thought as to whom we want to represent chip & token collectors on the CC & GTCC Board. I'm often asked by club members what my recommendations are since many club members are not familiar with the candidates.

Here are my personal choices for the 2003-2005 term of office. Vote for whomever you wish, but if you don't have any particular preferences, I would hope that you would consider supporting the deserving candidates below when you receive your ballots in the club magazine.

**President: Mike Skelton**

**Vice President: Wayne Thompson,**

**Secretary: Belinda Hixon**

**Treasurer: Mike Quinlivan**

**Membership Officer: Sunday Silverman**

## RECENT RUMOR POSTED ON THECHIPBOARD.COM

### \$5 Temptations

**Posted By: John**  
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**Date: 9/30/02 1:04 p.m.**

Look for the \$5 Temptation chips to arrive at Resorts Atlantic City in late December as a holiday issue. Once I find out the release date, I'll update this message.

**By Liz Benston**  
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LAS VEGAS SUN

MGM MIRAGE said today it will suspend work on its planned \$1.5 billion casino resort at Renaissance

Pointe in Atlantic City to free up cash for other opportunities, including upgrades in Las Vegas and expansion into new gambling markets.

The company had anticipated building an as-yet-unnamed resort on land it owns at Renaissance Pointe, adjacent to its half-owned Borgata resort expected to open next year. The Renaissance Pointe project, which had been scheduled to open in 2006, is in the Marina district, which is inland from the city's famed Boardwalk casino area.

The move will reduce earnings for MGM MIRAGE, which will no longer be able to capitalize the interest associated with the Atlantic City project. The company will expense the interest until the project resumes. The capitalization of such interest boosted the company's earnings per share by about 5 cents per quarter during the first nine months of 2002.

The move will not cut operating cash flow -- a key indicator often used by analysts to determine the overall health of casino operations.

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The company expects to direct excess free cash flow "to improve its market leading position" in markets like Las Vegas, Detroit and Biloxi, Miss., as well as to strengthen its balance sheet and repurchase shares.

The luxury Borgata casino resort, a joint project with Las Vegas-based Boyd Gaming Corp., remains on schedule and on budget for a summer 2003 opening, the company said.

"Atlantic City is a vibrant market with an assured path for growth," MGM MIRAGE Chairman and Chief Executive Terry Lanni said in a statement. Over the next few years, more than 3,000 new rooms -- including Borgata's 2,010 guestrooms -- will improve the market and help remake Atlantic City as a destination resort, he said.

"Gaming is likely to expand overseas, as well as in several U.S. states and on Native American lands ... we intend to participate in this growth."

The move isn't timed to any specific competitive move in Las Vegas, such as Steve Wynn's planned \$2.4 billion Le Reve casino resort, an MGM MIRAGE spokesman said.

"This has everything to do with the fact that not since the early '90s have we seen the scope and breadth of the new opportunities on the horizon," spokesman Alan Feldman said.

The company aims to deploy capital to existing projects in Las Vegas rather than new casinos, such as a previously-delayed resort once planned at the company's aging Boardwalk casino on the Las Vegas Strip, he added.

"This has more to do with .. maintaining the pizzazz of current projects. We're constantly adding new restaurants and new shows, remodeling and upgrading rooms. It's a constant process here."

Some Wall Street observers expressed approval today, saying the company is responding to recent developments in an ever-changing competitive landscape.

"I think it's a smart strategic decision for the company," said Marc Falcone, a casino industry analyst with Deutsche Bank Securities.

"It's tough to make a commitment to build a \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion (casino) knowing you could have legalized gaming in Pennsylvania, New York and Maryland" in the near term, Falcone said.

"There's a lot of competitive pressures that could emerge in Atlantic City."