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GROUND HOG DAY CHIP!

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Trump Marina released a "No Value" Limited Edition chip on Ground Hog Day (February 2, 2004) only to qualified players who received an invitation in the mail to pick up their chip at the promotion desk. I camped out at the promotion desk for more than 3 hours, purchasing chips from those casino patrons who were willing to sell them to me. I wound up with only 26 pieces for sale ... which I have made available to 25 of my on-line subscribers on a first-come, first-served basis at \$10@. All 25 chips purchased were snapped up by my new issues subscribers within several hours of my e-mail offering for \$10 each. I did put one chip on Ebay, which brought a top bid of close to \$30 (\$29.29). See Item #3271904954. Another ebay seller's GH chip brought almost \$45! See item #3273315669



I'm told (unofficially) that there is a possibility that the extra promotional chips may be placed for sale in the Trump Marina gift shop. If so, I'll be making them available to those who didn't get one.

On the other hand, I've received an emphatic report to the contrary, stating the complete opposite ... that these chips will NOT be for sale in the gift shop. Stay tuned to see who is right.

<u>UPDATE</u>: Additional GH chips were made available to those who were in line on February 21 for the release of the \$10 Styx chips. While most of those in line kept their free chip, I was able to coax a few chips away for cash offers and I'm in a position to provide a chip to everybody who requested one.

TRUMP MARINA ISSUES \$10 STYX L.E. CHIP



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

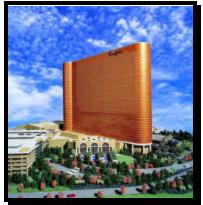
A one-night scheduled appearance of this popular rock band was marked with this eagerly sought after Limited Edition \$10 chip by Styx fans and hungry chip collectors alike. Only 500 were issued and about 3 stacks remained when I left the property.

ATLANTIC CITY CATALOG NOW READY

The 2004 Edition of "Black's Catalog" is now ready for distribution.

If anyone wishes to reserve a copy, please send your payment of \$39.99,

"Black's Catalog" Of Atlantic City Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens



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plus \$3.85 for Priority Postage. You may save money on the postage costs by picking up the catalog at the next A.C. Chapter Meeting on March 21st.

"Buy the book before the chip!"

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A.C. CHAPTER MEETINGS SCHEDULE FOR 2004

All meetings in 2004 are scheduled on Sundays at 11 a.m. at the Sands...

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{March } 21^{\text{st}} \\ \text{May } 16^{\text{th}} \\ \text{July } 16^{\text{th}} \\ \text{September } 12^{\text{th}} \\ \text{December } 5^{\text{th}} \end{array}$

Visitors are always welcome!

TRUMP PLAZA TO ISSUE \$10 RACK CHIP

Approvals have been given to Trump Plaza to issue a regular \$10 rack chip. According to sources, this chip should be on the tables during the month of March.

Also, look for a 20th Anniversary chip at the Plaza later this year. Would not surprise me if it was a \$20 yellow issue.

NEW RACK AT RESORTS FORTHCOMING?

I hear through the grapevine that when Resorts' new tower opens, there may be a LE tower chip in the works ... along with a complete new rack for the entire property.

BATH & TURF CLUB CHIPS FOR SALE



I've recently acquired a small quantity of yellow and green B&T chips from the well-know illegal gambling establishment; the Bath & Turf Club. This gaming house was located at 108 S. Iowa Avenue, which is now the site of the Atlantic City Tropicana Hotel Casino. These two chips are have been listed in my catalogs for several years now, but I only had a pair of them in my personal collection and never had any extra chips in inventory to sell.

The chips are cataloged as B&T-0 and B&T-00 and have an estimated value of \$75-\$85 in the Price Guide.

I am offering the 2-piece sets to my subscribers at the price of \$55 for the pair. None of these chips are in new condition and the shallow hot stamps are notoriously weak ... especially on the green chips since the gold hot stamp on the darker color chip does not contrast as well as the yellow chip does.

A detailed featured article appeared in the Spring, 1995 Issue of the club magazine about these chips.

I can't promise that every chip will be as nice as the two chips that are illustrated, but I will reserve and send out the better condition chips to the first few responses I receive.

Email first if interested.

SANDS \$2 SLOT TOKEN

Here's another "new" token I missed. While preparing my 2004 catalog, I asked for some help with the estimated price guide section from a couple of knowledgeable token collectors. Both of them asked why I didn't list the \$2 Sands token? My response was that I didn't know anything about a \$2 token being issued at Sands. Well, by the time I got to check this newly divulged information out, the tokens were there, but none could be found in nice new condition. So I've discounted my new issue price on these tokens since all that I could come up with were in circulated condition.



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I've picked out the very best specimens available that I could find for my subscribers, but if they do not meet with your approval, feel free to return them with no questions asked.

COMING SOON

Michael Boulton, Pat Benetar, Mariah Carey, at Trump Taj Mahal.

25th Anniversary, St.Patty's Day, Year of the Monkey, Kentucky Derby; at Trump Plaza.

Jerry Blavett, Rock The Vote; at Trump Marina.