

# “MR. CHIPS” NEW ISSUES SERVICE

## **ATLANTIC CITY** **e-NEWSLETTER**

Exclusively For Subscribers to  
“Black’s New Issues Service”

*“MORE THAN JUST A CHIP DEALER”*

**FEBRUARY, 2002**

Don’t forget to print out a copy of these newsletters if you wish to preserve a copy for future reference.

**2001 Edition of Black’s  
A.C. Catalog still available!**

8 ½” x 11” format, spiral bound, heavy-duty laminated covers, 140 pages ...22 of which are in full-color on glossy page stock, are illustrations of every known Atlantic City chip and token issued ....up to the \$100 denomination. All of the current \$500 and several \$1000 current denomination chips are also illustrated for the first time.

*“Buy The Book Before The Chip”*

### **IMPORTANT CATALOG CORRECTION ANNOUNCEMENT REVERSAL REGARDING RES-100c/RES-100d**

In my February Atlantic City Newsletter, I made an announcement regarding two Resorts International \$100 chips that were reportedly transposed in my 2001 and earlier catalogs. (RES-100c & RES-100d)

**BE ADVISED THAT THE  
CATALOG IS CORRECT AS  
ORIGINALLY ISSUED!**

Separate sources had advised me that the catalog listings regarding these two \$100 chips were transposed. A brief look at the \$100 chips currently on the tables at Resorts, shortly after this matter had been referred to me, initially appeared that the sources were correct.

HOWEVER .....

... while examining the specimens in question which are housed in my personal reference collection in the vault over this past weekend ... I’ve determined without question that the sources were incorrect and that my original attributions are accurate and need not be modified.

I should have checked my personal collection pieces first, before making the premature and erroneous announcement in the February, 2002 Edition of my newsletter. Like the 2002 Olympics Committee on the figure skating controversy; I am now obligated to retract my previous announcement.

I will provide replacement text pages via e-mail, upon request, to anyone who has made permanent entries in their catalogs.

**Archie Black**

## **PLAYBOY ROULETTE CHIPS**

I have a considerable number of Atlantic City Playboy roulette chips

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

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that I'm offering to my subscribers at \$8 each in order to trim my inventory. If interested, please email or write to me for my list. Many of these chips have sold recently on ebay for double and triple that.

**CAUGHT WITH MY  
PANTS DOWN!**



It is said that “sometimes one eats the bear, and that on other occasions the bear eats you ...” I guess the later would apply to this situation.

About six months or so ago, I purchased the above Claridge \$100 yellow inserts back up chip on e-bay for the then princely sum of \$400. Seems that there was a counterfeiting problem with the regular rack chip illustrated below with the red inserts and the back up \$100 yellow inserts

chip was put on the tables for a few days until an investigation took place....



Well, sometime during the last week of January, 2002 the former back-up chips re-appeared on the tables at Claridge ... and promptly caused quite a stir on the electronic message boards... It was pulled from the casino floor on Tuesday, February 5th., and all were returned to the vault. E-bay auctions that closed on February 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> saw these chips sell for \$180 and \$160 respectively. I'm told that (79) \$100's are still outstanding and now that all the excitement has died down, perhaps some of those folks who have substantial numbers of these chips tied up in inventory on speculation, may want to cash them in to the cage and will offer them to me first. (Hah! Fat chance)

At any rate, I did pick up four of the yellow inserts back-up version for my current \$100 subscribers at \$110 each ... and I purchased another one at face from a fellow collector, but alas that was not enough chips for everyone who wanted one. I had intended to pick up additional chips but by the time I got back to A.C. on Wednesday for the Boardwalk Bullies hockey game, they had all been returned to the cage. Sorry, I have none left for sale. I have attempted to make other provisions for someone else who may have extras to mail out these chips to my subscribers who wanted one. I've offered to trade 20 different \$5 Atlantic City Limited Edition chips on the Chapter message board for one ... but so far, no takers. Hopefully something can be worked out.... or just maybe they will be released again! <g>

### **TAJ GOLF MEDALS**

If you delayed sending in your request for one of the Taj golf benefit medals that was offered in last month's newsletter, be advised that only ten medals remain left unsold. First come,

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first served. \$20; postpaid. These won't last long, so don't delay any longer.



### NEW A.C. ERROR CHIP DISCOVERED



CAE-5\*

Ron Leis has discovered a unique error on an obsolete \$5 Caesars house chip. The chip is described as having 3 white inserts as opposed to the normal 2 white inserts found on the CAE-5 chip illustrated in past issues of *“Black’s Catalog of Atlantic City Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens”*.

Ron brought his rare chip to the January meeting of the A.C. Chapter for a little “Show & Tell” presentation. This chip realized \$711 on ebay. See item=1071645508

### CLUB’S 2002 CONVENTION DATES

The 10th Annual International Convention of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens Collectors Club will be returning once again to Tropicana Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. Convention Chairman, George Conrad has announced that the next convention will be held from June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2002. Hope to see many A.C. Subscribers in attendance. Would strongly suggest that you notify your employers early and make your flight arrangements early.

### A.C. CHAPTER MEETING IN MARCH

The next meeting of the Atlantic City Chapter of CC&GTCC will be held at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, March 3, 2002 at Resorts in the Horizon Room at the top of the escalator.

Grace D’Amato will be the featured guest speaker. Her family including Skinny D’Amato was involved with the

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running of the famous 500 Club, a nightclub located where the present Trump Plaza now stands. Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and other great entertainers performed there. We hope she'll have stories about the gambling that was done in the back room. She has recently written a book called "Chance of a Lifetime" which will be available at the meeting for sale. She will be happy to autograph it for you. There are two different sets of chips that were reportedly used at the Club. One of the sets is illustrated in her book. Thanks to Bernie Sloan for arranging this guest. I met her at the AC museum. She is very sharp and alert for being a youngster in her 80's.

Also, you can mark the following dates on your calendars for the remainder of the Chapter's 2002 meetings; May 5<sup>th</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **COTY/TOTY/SSOTY**

Nominations for Chip Of The Year; Token Of The Year; and Silver Strike Of The Year will be coming up pretty soon. The nominations form will be

enclosed with the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter issue of the club magazine. Only those club members who have actually submitted nominations will be placed on the judges committee to receive the official ballot to vote in this annual contest. I hope that everyone will take the time to nominate their choices.

## **ACCHIPS WEBSITE**

For those of you who are not aware, my popular website for Atlantic City casino chips is now up and running and receiving lots of "hits". Virtually every regular issue and Limited Edition Atlantic City chip, plus lots of roulettes are now illustrated in full color at [www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm](http://www.callzia.com/dghome/acchips/home.htm) You will also find a convenient link to a listing of many chips that I have for sale. Take a quick peek .... You just might be impressed!

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ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS**

**OR MAILING ADDRESS  
CHANGES**

## **NEW PUERTO RICO CHIP DEAL**

I've just recently made another terrific deal for several additional chips from other closed Puerto Rico casinos. Attached to this e-newsletter is my current up-to-date inventory of these higher denomination chips that I'm certain you will agree that they are priced very low.... at only a fraction of their face value. Even if you don't need any of these chips for your personal collections, they make for excellent trading material ... and they certainly are priced right.

## **CLARIDGE PROMO HOT STAMP CHIPS**

I still have several of those Claridge hot stamped black chips and red chips for

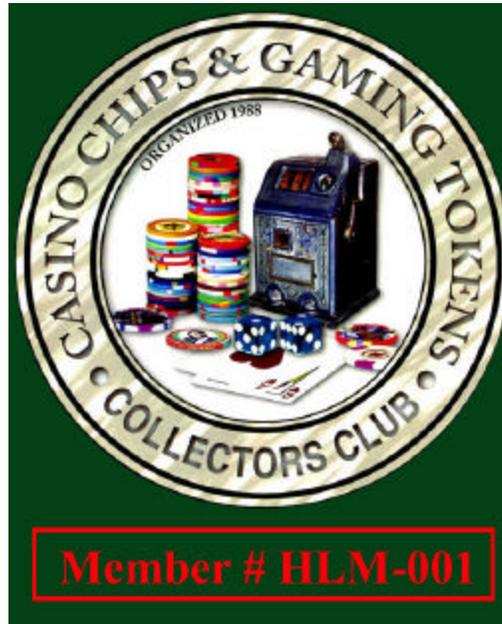
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\$3 each if anyone is interested. See January Newsletter for details.

## **CARTOON CHIPS**

Has anybody been following these Trump Plaza chips on E-bay ... particularly the Betty Boops? I'm amazed at the strong prices they are currently bringing. Don't know if this price level will hold up over the long run, but it looks like lots of comic collectors have just discovered our chip-collecting hobby.

Nothing new in the way of new chip releases on the horizon that I'm aware of.... although rumor has it that Trump Plaza will begin a restaurant series of chips similar to previously issued Trump Marina's restaurant series.... And perhaps this Spring, a chip for the Atlantic City Surf; A.C.'s professional baseball team?



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