

“MR. CHIPS” NEW ISSUES SERVICE

ATLANTIC CITY E-NEWSLETTER

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A.C. 2001 CATALOG SUPPLEMENT

Bob Touts has suggested that I publish a supplement of all the chips issued during the year 2001 since I am not planning at this time on releasing a 2002 version of my A.C. Catalog this year. Since relatively speaking, not too many chips were issued in A.C. during 2001, I'm offering a free complimentary printout of the chronological listing of all LE's to anyone who asks for a copy.

CAESARS HOLOGRAM WINNING BIDDERS

CONGRATULATIONS!!

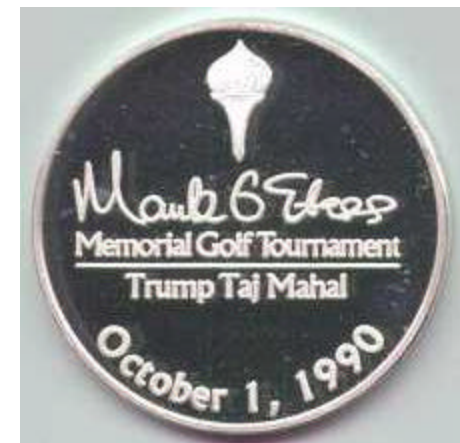
The four top bidders and their bids for the scarce Caesars hologram chip offered in the December Newsletter are as follows:

Dick Reynolds	\$125.00
Rich Zellner	\$105.00
Bernie Sloan	\$ 88.00
Allen Myers	\$ 86.00
Perry Leonard	\$ 86.00



TAJ MAHAL MEDALS BEING OFFERED

I still have a few of the previously unknown medallions that were issued in 1990 by Trump Taj Mahal for a memorial golf tournament benefit honoring Mark Etes, the young up-and-coming executive protégé from Taj Mahal, who perished in a helicopter crash between New York and Atlantic City more than ten years ago.



M TAJ-0b (obverse)

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

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M TAJ-0b (reverse)

These recently discovered beautiful medals are now available at a fixed price of \$18@ (plus \$2.00 postage) to the rest of my subscribers who are not on-line. The earliest postmark will determine who gets the remainder of these prizes.

The medal appears to be silver ... but is probably polished nickel. The black areas in the scans are actually highly reflective lustrous surfaces, much like a proof coin. Each medal comes in it's own self-standing hinged black plastic presentation case with a striking

blue insert suede mat. I have assigned a catalog number of M TAJ-0b for this medal in future issues of “Black’s Catalog”.



Hinged presentation case

A.C. Chapter Meeting

January 's A.C. Chapter meeting will be held on the 20th at noon at Resorts. The Chapter's annual party for Chapter members will take place immediately following the meeting at the popular Baltimore Grill on Atlantic Avenue (corner of Iowa) ... near Tropicana. Lots of parking is available directly behind the Grill at the Tropicana surface parking lot.

CLUB'S 2002 CONVENTION DATES ANNOUNCED (Repeat)

The 10th Annual International Convention of the Casino Chips & Gaming Tokens will be held June 5-8, 2002 once again at Tropicana in Las Vegas. This is a must-visit convention for all chip & token collectors and their spouses.

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PUERTO RICO CHIPS STILL AVAILABLE



I still have \$5, \$25 & \$100 Paulson chips from the Condado Beach Hotel Casino available at very inexpensive prices. Either by the three-piece sets (\$10 per set of three, plus .57¢ postage) or in quantity ... 100 mixed chips for \$200 in a heavy-duty casino quality plastic rack. Also available are the two Paulson backup credit chips from the same Condado Beach Hotel Casino series in \$5 and \$100 denominations for only \$5 per pair. You may also order individual chips at the following prices; \$2@ for \$5 chips; \$3@ for \$25 chips; \$5@ for \$100 chips in single or multiple

quantities. Order extras ... they make great traders.

If you prefer the Bud Jones coin inlay style... I have five different color combinations from the same Condado Beach Hotel Casino priced at a ridiculously low \$10 per set of five, plus postage.



**DON'T FORGET TO SEND
ME YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS
OR NEW ADDRESS CHANGE**

If you have received this e-newsletter, then I have your correct email address on file.

There is no need to include it on any future invoices from me unless your email addresses changes.

BORGATA PROGRESS



Borgata Casino construction is well underway in the Marina District with more than 25 steel skeleton floors presently rising from the former reclaimed A.C. landfill. Above is an artist rendering of what the finished casino will look like when it opens in the summer of 2003.

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The infamous tunnel is now open and the newly landscaped connector roads to the Marina area and to Brigantine are now functioning extremely well.

REMEMBER “BUDDY”???
MEET “SPARKY”!!!



Our very loveable pre-Christmas present, Sparky, is now three months old and a bundle of joy and energy. His extreme

cuteness is the only thing that keeps Brenda and me from getting overly frustrated in trying to housebreak him.... but we are diligently working with him.

**HERE'S AN INTERESTING
SELDOM SEEN CHIP**



CLA-0*

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Here is the true story about another chip that has escaped the grasp of most A.C. chip collectors. A very unusual dragon mold is on this chip.

*In 1983, one hundred wooden Treasure Chest boxes, that

contained 50 black and 50 red dragon-mold chips; a mini table layout; a pair of dice and deck of cards, were awarded to the top 100 Claridge high rollers.

If any of my subscribers would want to add this pair of Claridge uniface chips to their collection, the price is \$3.50 for each color, plus postage. I only have 45 two-piece sets available so once again, it's on a first-come; first-served basis. You may e-mail me at ablack2@optonline.net to confirm.

RARITY ALERT!!

Bernie Sloan has just recently discovered a major find of a previously unknown 1st issue .50¢ Resorts International chip.

20,000 of these blue .50¢ H&C chips were reportedly delivered in 1978 to the Resorts International

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cage. According to sources, they remained on the tables for 3 or 4 days and were removed from play. They wound up being destroyed sometime later in an armored car bay on the property. This is the only un-cancelled specimen known to have been salvaged. If anyone knows of any other specimens existing, please contact me with documentation.



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MY APOLOGIES TO WEBTV USERS

Of all the on-line subscribers I have (well over 100) only three of them have WEBtv as their ISP. I understand that they are unable to open my attachments. Very sorry, but there is nothing I can do for you on this end.

Also, just as a FYI; this newsletter is put together using Microsoft Word software. If you are experiencing opening my e-file attachments, perhaps it is because a Word program is not in use at the receiving end. Anybody else having problems opening my e-newsletters?

END OF AN ERA?

Like the silver strike machines before, it now looks like all slot machines in A.C. will be

tokenless before long. Here is an excerpt from the December 19th issue of the Press of Atlantic City:

ATLANTIC CITY - The sound of coins tink-tink-tinking into a metal tray is being replaced by the sight of bar-coded tickets emerging from a dispenser at select Bally's Atlantic City slot machines.

The city's most profitable casino on Monday night became the first here to offer the EZ Pay Ticket System, a form of cashless gambling.

International Game Technology of Reno, Nev., says the benefits of its EZ Pay are many:

[] Gamblers don't have to lug heavy buckets of coins.

[] Gamblers don't have to handle dirty coins.

[] Casinos can reduce or eliminate coin refills, a time-consuming process that irks gamblers and temporarily shuts down a casino moneymaker.

[] Casinos save time and prevent customer frustration with hand-paid jackpots, a process that now causes

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the machine to lock up while casino personnel scurry to fill out forms and return, escorted by security, with the money.

Bally's is offering 54 EZ Pay slots, all video nickel games, in the casino's Coyote Kate's Slot Parlor. If the machines pass Casino Control Commission muster after a 60- to 270-day test period, Bally's intends to gradually convert up to 4,200 slots to the EZ Pay system.

Bally's owner Park Place Entertainment Corp. plans to install EZ Pay slots at its other local casinos - Caesars, Claridge and Hilton - by the end of March.

"It's running in all of the other jurisdictions in which we operate and has met with great acceptance by patrons because of the convenience," said Wallace Barr, Park Place's chief operating officer.

"The only complaints we got in Nevada is that we did not have enough machines hooked up to it," he said.

It costs casinos between \$3,000 and \$4,000 to convert one traditional slot machine to the EZ Pay system, Barr said. It's sometimes better to replace an old slot with an \$8,000 to \$10,000 slot manufactured with EZ Pay, he

said.

EZ Pay slots work this way: Gamblers insert currency, or an EZ Pay ticket, into a slot machine's bill acceptor. When it's time to cash out, the slot dispenses a bar-coded voucher instead of coins or tokens. The ticket can be redeemed for cash at the cage, inserted like cash into another EZ Pay slot or saved for a future visit.

At Bally's, all EZ Pay games will dispense only coins on cash outs of 50 credits or less.

Barr said gamblers will adapt to the EZ Pay technology just as they did to bill acceptors and handle-less slots years earlier.

"It's a lot easier," said Linda Medei, a gambler from Ellertown, Pa. "I like to play nickels and you get too many nickels to hold."

Usage of the EZ Pay slots was light early Tuesday afternoon. A cage cashier said she had received only three tickets so far.

Resorts Atlantic City plans to offer EZ Pay slots "shortly," a spokeswoman said.

TRUMP PLAZA BOARDWALK BULLIES



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"This ain't no beauty contest!"

The Boardwalk Bullies is the politically incorrect, controversial name chosen for Atlantic City's minor league hockey team that plays in the newly refurbished boardwalk convention hall indirectly connected to Trump Plaza by a walkway. Currently, the Bullies have won twelve of their past thirteen games and are two games out of 1st place in the ECHL East Coast Division and are working their way up after eight consecutive wins.

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Unfortunately, Trump Plaza’s policy of allowing employees to purchase chips two days before they are released to the public got collectors off to a rocky beginning. But I must say that I was pleasantly surprised when I arrived at noon on January 9th and discovered that TP was going to allow each chipper in line the opportunity to purchase up to two stacks each of not only the Boardwalk Bullies chip, but also the Betty Boop issue was well. It would appear that some enterprising Trump Plaza employees who were able to purchase these two chips two days prior to the public, have hyped them on ebay being touted as being “rare” before anyone in the chip collecting community had any in their hands.

Hats off to Trump Plaza’s Casino Manager Chris Ford for fairly handling the distribution of these chips in the end and for denying one of Trump Plaza’s employees his request to purchase the entire Boardwalk Bullies rack.

A couple of Ebay sellers, in an attempt to hype these two chips, have falsely stated that these chips were “sold out in 14 minutes...” while another said “sold out in a few minutes”. NOT TRUE!



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TRUMP PLAZA COMICS SERIES

The remaining three of Trump Plaza’s cartoon series chips that are represented on Plaza’s new slot machine themes are illustrated below. These three chips are to be issued on January 18th.... ten days after the Boardwalk Bullies and Betty Boop chips were released. 1500/ 1200 of each were manufactured by CHIPCO ... can not hardly be considered “rare”.

I have held back sending out the first two issues until all five have been released.



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**It has been almost a year and a half since Trump Plaza's last LE was issued on July 4, 2000.*

INTERESTING ARTICLE IN “THE WHOOT”

In the December 20 issue of “*The Whoot*”, I found the following Pinky's Corner news item to be very interesting.

The article deals with plans that Caesars has for improvements scheduled for the Ocean One Mall that is now owned by Caesars. Here is just one short excerpt:

“The bridge over the Boardwalk between Caesars and Ocean One, proposed in the original scheme, will be built... The hot dog stand and six other stores on the Boardwalk frontage of the Ocean One will be demolished ... A new 9,000 square feet Million Dollar Bar with a capacity for 300 will occupy that space ... It will also have an open air lounge with a brick bar on the second level and large screen television sets ... Real casino chips of all denominations will be embedded in the bar.”

How about that folks! A whole new meaning to the term “chip harvesting” may have to be re-defined to include “digging out”!

SANDS ALMOST COMPLETES NEW TOKEN SERIES

A new \$25 denomination slot token has been issued at Sands to compliment the other slot tokens that have already been replaced. All that remains to complete the series are the lowly \$1 slot tokens, which are really beat up at this point in time. I sure could use some additional spotter help from token collectors when new tokens are released. Thanks to John Bollinger, from Baltimore, for spotting this new token.



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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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