

Let the Good Times Roll – Gambling History and Dice



Gambling Collectible Notes:

DICE - Small but important artifacts of the history of gambling in Nevada and throughout the United States are the focus of dice collectors. These rather tiny artifacts played an important role in the game of craps, a game that is the primary game in American style gambling.

Poker chip and cards certainly are part of the gambling scene, but dice, monogrammed by a professional player, club or casino are highly collectible. Manufactured to a high standard of quality, they are an artifact of a professional game

Nevada has the oldest and longest held reputation for legalized professional gambling in America, but in truth, un-licensed gambling has been prevalent throughout the United States long before Nevada's 1931 legalization of gaming. Covington, Kentucky; New Orleans, Louisiana; Chicago, Illinois; Jeffersonville, Indiana; and almost every major city from New York to Los Angeles had gambling. Rare examples come from the "un-licensed" gambling boats that anchored off the 12-mile limit of Long Beach, California in the 1930's and 40's.



The Nevada Historical Society hosts its "Chip-Dig" collector's show at the NHS Museum located at 1650 No. Virginia Street on May 12th. The show features collectors and vendors of Gambling Collectibles from 10am to 4pm.