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Caribbean Casino News Casino Openings and Closings and new Chip Issues

Caribbean Region

Antigua

• Recent eBay Sales of A Rarely Seen Mamora Beach Chip by Charles Kaplan, 2/27/09



Aruba

• A New \$1 Chip From The Crystal Casino from Michael Sistin, 4/2/09



• <u>Casablanca Casino Rumor</u> by Michael Siskin

There is talk on the internet that the Westin Hotel in the Aruba, home to the Casablanca Casino, has declared bankruptcy. I have read a rumor that the Wyndham will get it back as a resutll but I have no idea whether that rumor is valid. The hotel housing the Casablanca Casino has already been called the Hilton, Wyndham, Aruba Resort Spa & Casino and now the Westin.

• Hyatt Regency Poker Room Opens

by Michael Siskin

This advertisement appeared in a local Aruba newspaper on 5/9/09:



• Marriott Stellaris Chip Redemption Notice

by Michael Siskin

This notice appeared in a local Aruba newspaper on 5/9/09: "Notice: Casino chips with old Aruba Marriott Sail Boat Logo can be cashed out at the Casino until July 1, 2009. No chip exchange is possible after July 1, 2009."



Bahamas

• Finally a Chip Surfaces From the Closed Emerald Bay Casino by Ralph Pollack, 3/5/09



• Recent eBay Sales of A Rarely Seen Bahamas Chips

by Charles Kaplan, 3/27/09



Belize

Finally, a \$1 Chip from the Las Vegas Hotel & Casino
From Tony Inzerillo



Bermuda

Bonaire

Costa Rica

<u>Cuba</u>

Curacao

Recent eBay Sales of A Rarely Seen Curacao Chip by Charles Kaplan, 4/12/09



• A New 'Renaissance' Dawns on the Caribbean: The Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino Debuts Travel Industry News, February 3, 2009

NEW YORK, Feb. 3 /PRNewswire/ -- The 237-room Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino (www.renaissancecuracao.com) has officially opened. This is the newest full-service, branded resort to open on the Caribbean island of Curacao in more than 15 years. The property is located on Willemstad's picturesque historic waterfront and connected to the legendary Rif Fort, a 19th century landmark and UNESCO World Heritage site.

The resort blends contemporary Caribbean style and traditional European design, evoking the colorful architecture that can be found throughout Curacao, one of the largest islands located in the Dutch Lesser Antilles. Beach lovers will enjoy the resort's signature white sand "Eternity Beach" - a marvel of modern maritime engineering and the only one in the world. The beach, which sits above sea level, is located adjacent to the resort's freshwater infinity pool, both offering spectacular views of the Caribbean Sea.

All guestrooms offer complimentary bathrobes and are equipped with mini-refrigerators, coffee and tea makers, high-speed Internet, flat-screen televisions, in-room safes, iron and ironing boards and hairdryers. The resort features 14 spacious suites including two, one-bedroom Majestic Suites. These large corner suites are located on the top floor and offer spectacular views of the Caribbean Sea, the historic stately bridge, the 'Swinging Old Lady' and 'Handelskade,' Willemstad's famed harbor front street lined with brightly painted 18th century buildings. The Majestic Suites feature a lounge area with flat screen television, a reading area, dining area and separate bedroom. The suites have a fully-equipped bathroom with separate shower and whirlpool bath plus a separate half-bath. On the spacious balcony guests can relax while enjoying some of the best views of the historical world heritage city.

The resort's 15,000-square-foot Carnaval Casino captures the ambiance and energy of Carnaval with a wide variety of the latest slot machines and challenging table games. "The Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino is truly a destination within a destination, offering nightlife, entertainment, gaming, dining and shopping all in one place," said Maylin Trenidad, general manager of the Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino.

The Renaissance Curacao Resort & Casino will open with a wide range of restaurant and lounges throughout the resort and at the adjacent Rif Fort including: Nautilus; Express-O; Blue Bar; the Rif Fort Bar; Douwe Egberts Cafe, Indi's Spice Bar; Steak & Ribs Restaurant; Anchor Bar & Waterfront Seafood Restaurant; the Kasbanini Bar & Restaurant and the Infinity Beach Bar, which overlooks the ocean and the infinity pool. Additional restaurants include Bistro Le Clochard, Soprano's Piano Bar, Ema-Tei, Chihuahua Cantina, Don's Ice Cream Shop and Le Creperie -- each offering its own flavor to the resort.

The resort features an expansive fitness center with the latest strength training and cardiovascular equipment complimentary to all guests, and the soon-to-debut Aqua Spa, located within the Rif Fort, will offer invigorating treatments utilizing indigenous island ingredients.

The soon-to-open Renaissance Mall, the resort's open-air shopping, dining and entertainment complex, will boast a six-theatre cinema, 50 upscale shops and additional restaurants, lounges and bars. When the resort's meeting and banquet facilities are complete next month, meeting planners will have 8,600 square feet of versatile indoor and outdoor function space at their disposal, including a ballroom, an atrium, a coffee lounge, two board rooms, a business center and more.

Dominican Republic

Recent eBay Sales of A Rarely Seen Dominican Republic Chip

by Charles Kaplan, 4/12/09



• Caribbean Gaming Announces Opening of 2nd Casino in the Dominican Republic Rueters, Mon May 18, 2009 3:44pm EDT

MIAMI, May 18, 2009 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Caribbean Casino and Gaming Corporation (Pink Sheets:CGAQ), today is pleased to announce the Grand Opening of our wholly owned subsidiary, the new Sosua Bay Grand Casino.

Our beautiful luxury casino is set to open August 1st 2009. The **Sosua Bay Hotel and Casino** is complete with a top notch casino, world class gym and spa, state of the art convention center and full scale discotheque. This casino represents a totally new building just a stones throw from the lobby of a beautiful 250 room luxury hotel. We plan to supply our guests with all the amenities of a large scale casino hotel and the beauty of the Caribbean.

President and CEO Steven Swank commented, "It goes without saying this is a very exciting time for CGAQ. We have constructed what I believe will be one of the nicest casinos in the Caribbean. The grand ball room will host international superstars for your entertainment. We have large scale plans that we feel will immediately put our casino on the map, I look forward to informing investors as further events unfold."

For more information on our projects we encourage investors to visit our company site at http://www.caribbeangamingcorp.com. We also encourage investors to visit our casino / hotel site at http://www.sosuabaygrandcasino.com.

<u>Guyana</u>			
<u>Haiti</u>			
<u>Jamaica</u>			

Mexico Panama

Puerto Rico

• Recent eBay Sales of Some Rarely Puerto Rico Chips by Charles Kaplan

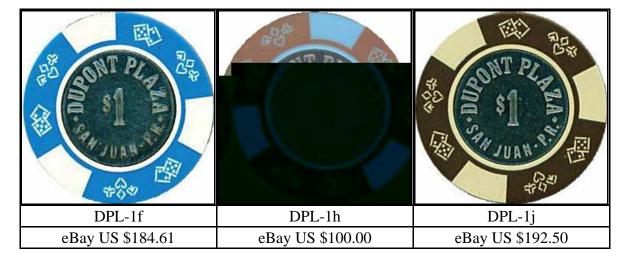




























• New \$20 Chip From the Sands from Archie Black



• New Puerto Rico Chips from Ricky Pushkin



<u>El Conquistador Resort & Golden Door Spa and El San Juan Hotel & Casino Join the Waldorf Astoria Collection, Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino Joins Conrad Hotels & Resorts</u>
 Reuters, Feb 24, 2009

Hilton Hotels Corporation announces the addition of three of some of Puerto Rico`s most renowned luxury hotels to the company`s luxury and lifestyle brands portfolio. El Conquistador Resort & Golden Door Spa and El San Juan Hotel & Casino join the Waldorf Astoria Collection on Feb. 24, 2009 and April 7, 2009 respectively, while Condado Plaza Hotel & Casino will be welcomed by Conrad Hotels & Resorts on March 12, 2009. These newest additions mark each brand`s debut in the Caribbean and demonstrate Hilton`s commitment to the expansion of its luxury and lifestyle brands into key markets worldwide.

Sprawling across a cliff top high above the sea, El Conquistador Resort & Golden Door Spa joins the Waldorf Astoria Collection today. Spread over 500 acres of lush tropical landscape in the quaint fishing village of Los Croabas, the lavish resort comprises a grand hotel of unique villages designed to combine tranquility with ultimate luxury. The resort overlooks the converging waters of the Caribbean Sea and the Atlantic Ocean and is 31 miles east of San Juan, Puerto Rico and the international airport. Upon completion of a \$120 million property-wide renovation in 2008, El Conquistador Resort & Golden Door Spa, The Waldorf Astoria Collection boasts a complete redesign to all 750 guestrooms and suites, the recently opened Coqui Water Park, an outpost of famed NYC steakhouse Strip House and the addition of the 21,090-square-foot Grand Atlantic Ballroom, bringing the resort's total meeting and event space to over 100,000 square feet. This luxury getaway is complemented by Las Casitas Village, an intimate resort within a resort, with luxury villas, a secluded infinity

pool, tropical spa services and personalized 24-hour butler service for guests and families seeking a higher level of privacy and pampering.

For the perfect escape, the beachfront El Conquistador Resort & Golden Door Spa, The Waldorf Astoria Collection features an array of recreation activities including an Arthur Hills 18-hole, par-72 championship golf course, Golden Door Spa - the Caribbean's largest spa with 25 treatment rooms, seven freshwater swimming pools and private Palomino Island for sunbathing, water sports, horseback riding and more. A 9,500-square-foot circular world-class casino, seven tennis courts, fitness center, retail shops and a 25-slip private marina offering deep-sea fishing charters, sailboats, catamarans, and yachts are also available, while dining options seem limitless with nearly 20 onsite restaurants and cafes.

Dramatically set on one of Puerto Rico's most picturesque beaches in the fashionable Isla Verde district just five minutes from the international airport, the El San Juan Hotel & Casino has long been considered one of the Caribbean's leading hotel and casino properties. On April 7, 2009, the renowned hotel joins the Waldorf Astoria Collection following a \$52 million renovation completed in 2007. With 382 guest rooms and meeting spaces designed by Robert Barry of Barry Design and an alluring pool and beachside experience - Encanto Beach Club, by acclaimed architect Stephane Dupoux - the El San Juan Hotel & Casino offers an exciting and vibrant escape.

The El San Juan Hotel & Casino, The Waldorf Astoria Collection's chic elegance is exquisitely revealed in all guest rooms and bath elements combining energy, comfort, and pleasure. Outdoors, the hotel invites guests to a seductive poolside experience at the Encanto Beach Club, a social setting featuring 24 canopied, double-sided daybeds along the shoreline, three private cabanas, 25 versatile lounging pods, hammocks, swings, a swim-up bar, and more. An elegant Edouard de Paris Day Spa is a full-service peaceful oasis with five treatment rooms. A 16,500-square-foot casino delivers a warm, friendly atmosphere with elegant opulence, while eight award-winning restaurants present a delicious array of culinary delights. After a great meal, guests can relax with beverages and live music in one of the resort's bars, lounges or nightclubs, including the Lobby Bar consisting of The Gold Bar, The Silver Bar and The Blue Bar, each with its own attitude.

Additional amenities at the El San Juan Hotel & Casino, The Waldorf Astoria Collection include 35,000 square feet of versatile event space, including 14 rooms and unique outdoor spaces, business center with Internet access, complimentary children's activities, rooftop fitness center, and La Galeria, an air-conditioned shopping arcade.

St. Kitts

New Slots Only Casinos Found on St. Kitts

by Charles Kaplan

On a recent sailing vacation I visited St. Kitts, but only for a few hours. I first headed over to the **Royal Beach Resort.** This Marriott resort has a large full line casino with all the typical table games and slot machines that you would find in a modern casino. Just across the street from the Royal Beach, The **Royal St. Kitts** is now a Marriott time share vacation resort. They still have a casino, although it opens at 4 pm and I could not hang around until it opened. They are still using the Bud Jones coin insert chips.

Walking around the streets of the main town Basseterre, I ran into two local slot only casinos. Both places are small, dirty, have ancient slot machines and are for locals, not tourists. I would not play in these places. Both casinos were on Fort Street, they are the **Treasure Chest** and **Island Rhythms**. Checking the online St. Kitts yellow pages after I returned home, I also found another slots only place, **Winner's Circle**, in Port Zante. Also in Port Zante is the **MaPau Experience** which I visited. This complex has a night club, restaurant, two bars, gift shop, waterfront cafe and a slots only casino. My money quickly disappeared in this place and since it is the first building tourists see when disembarking from their cruise ships, I have to believe that this place is geared towards inexperienced gamblers, ie. "easy prey"!

St. Lucia

St. Maarten

• <u>New Issues</u> From Carmine Cocozza





• Recent eBay Sales of Rarely Seen St. Maarten Chips

by Charles Kaplan, 4/12/09



Suriname

Trinidad and Tobago

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Caribbean TITOs

By: Jim Noll CCCC R-017

No TITO report this issue.

Caribbean Casino Chip Hordes

Knowledge of the quantities of available casino chips will help collectors to determine values. Please send additions and modifications for this list to: chas@ckaplan.com

Aruba

- Americana Bud Jones brass and silver inlay racks, most denoms (Nevada Jacks)
- Aruba Caribbean Bud Jones rack, most denoms (Nevada Jacks)
- Aruba Palm Beach, H&C rack, most denoms except \$1 (Nevada Jacks)
- Arusino, H&C rack, all denoms except \$1
- Concorde, chips with hot stamp overlays
- King International, H&C rack, all denoms
- Palace, Chipco \$5, \$20 and \$25 chips (Nevada Jacks)
- Palm, Bud Jones \$5, \$25 and \$100 chips (Nevada Jacks)

Cuba

Casino de Capri - SMKEY rack never reached casino before it closed

Panama

- Casino Nacionales de Panama, H&C rack, \$1 and \$5 (Spinnetti's)
- Club Asia Colon, \$10 (Spinetti's)
- Club Las Asiaticos, \$10 and \$50 (Spinetti's)
- Club Mundial De Panama \$10 (Spinetti's)
- El Panama, H&C rack, \$1 and \$5 (Spinnetti's)
- Holiday Inn, H&C rack, \$1 and \$5 (Spinnetti's)

Puerto Rico

- Ambassador Plaza, H&C rack, most denoms (Nevada Jacks)
- Caribe Inn Bud Jones and HCE racks, most denoms
- Cerromar Beach Bud Jones, HCE and LGKEY rack, most denoms (Nevada Jacks)
- Condado Beach Bud Jones and H&C rack, all denoms
- Dorado Beach Bud Jones, HCE and HHR racks, not all denoms (Nevada Jacks)
- Dutch Inn Bud Jones rack, all denoms
- Flamboyan Hotel rumored that a Florida collector has most of the chips
- Palm Hotel casino never opened, all chips available
- Ponce de Leon SMKEY rack, all denoms (Spinetti's)
- Quality Inn Bud Jones rack, all denoms
- Ramada Bud Jones rack, all denoms
- Ritz Carlton H&C rack, most denoms

St.. Marteen

Mullett Bay - Bud Jones rack, all denoms

The Caribbean ChipGuide

Here are some recent additions:



Caribbean Casino Collectors Club News

The Caribbean Casino Collectors Club's annual meeting will take place at the Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collector's Club convention at the South Point Casino in Las Vegas. The meeting will be held on Thursday June 25th at 3 pm., immediately following Ralph Pollack's seminar in the Sonoma A room.

For those attending the meeting, you will get one of these chips that I had made up especially for this years meeting:



I will also have a supply of the 2008 Annual Meeting chip for those who did not get theirs or for new members who want one.

So that's it for now, happy chipping.

Charles Kaplan

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I collect almost any casino collectible from **Aruba** and chips from **Bonaire** and **Curacao**. I am looking for many chips, playing cards and matchbooks and especially the \$1 Aruba Palm Beach, \$1 Porto Paseo (Curacao) and \$1 Black Coral (Bonaire) chips.

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