

I got the BC, T mold chip at the convention 2011. It was with a number of illegals I got from one person.

BC chip was with 2 colors of the Greyhound Harp molds from Cicero, IL. Shades of Al Capone flashed through my mind. <g> Big Al is long gone by this time but his legacy and close associates linger on.

Info on Greyhound coming in a future "illegal Of The Day" post.

He only had 4 of the BC's. I snatched one and told 3 other IL illegal collectors to get them as I had a hunch they were good ones. I think Mike, Rick, and David got there in time to get them.

The Taylor record card was disappointing. So much for that hunch! Very large orders 1952-57 but no real ID. Counter orders with (Barton) on the order. The Chicago outfit owned Taylor and lots of their boys orders were counter orders, some with no names on them. At least (Barton) was a starting place.

Sometimes research is easy, sometimes it is tough. This one was extremely tough! <g> I had to email our two resident Chicago illegal experts John Binder and Dave Brown. Must have taken me 5 minutes. <g>

Special thank you, to both of you for great information sharing.

I gave our "Friend Of The Hobby" a break on this one. <g>

It is amazing how many people we have that are willing to share their information.

Enough of that:

Illinois:



BC1att2

NAME Counter Barton Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Per T-designs

\$500 \$1000 \$100
BC Block BC

Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
201	Red (B)		Block	BC	\$1.00	Block	Gold	12-8-52
101	Green (B)		"	BC	\$5.00	"	"	12-8-52
202	Red (B)		"	BC	\$1.00	"	"	1-5-53
101	dk Blue (B)		"	BC	5.00	"	"	5-19-53
50	pink (US)		"	BC	25.00	"	"	5-19-53
101	YELLOW		"	BC	50¢	"	Blue	2-4-55
101	Red		"	"	1.00	"	Gold	4-13-55
101	yellow		"	BC	50¢	"	Blue	8-17-55
101	yellow		"	BC	50¢	"	Blue	11-9-55
101	yellow		"	BC	50¢	"	Blue	1/7/56

CONT'D

NAME Counter Barton Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Per Bar T checker

SPECIAL MONOGRAM
50¢ BC \$2500

Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
40	Orange			BC	5.00	Block	Blue	12-5-51
121	Red		Block	BC	\$1.00	"	Gold	12-5-51
121	Yellow		Block	BC	50¢	"	Blue	12-5-51
41	Black			BC	10.00	"	Gold	12-5-51
41	Red		Block	BC	1.00	"	Gold	3-24-52
30	orange (45) w/ wavy		"	BC	5.00	"	Blue	4-7-52
15	Black		"	BC	10.00	"	Gold	4-7-52
8	dk Blue (B)		"	BC	25.00	"	"	4-7-52
30	dk Orange (anti)		"	BC	5.00	"	Blue	4-11-52
202	Green (25)		"	BC	5.00	(anti)	Gold	8-11-52

BACK'D

NAME Counter Barton Address _____ Town _____ State _____ Per T. Designs

SPECIAL MONOGRAM

Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
200	Red			BC	\$1.00			11-11-57
100	yellow			BC	.50			*
50	Green			BC	.50			*

Read on: My hunch was right. Still batting 100% on hunches. <g>

Barton Club
2316 S. Cicero Ave
Cicero, IL

Chips delivered 1952-57

Per Taylor records only 56 black \$10 chips were made. Do we have a dreaded "R" word illegal chip?
IMO, YES! Mike, Rick, and David owe me a commission! <g>

Here is some info:

There was a Barton Club in Cicero. May or may not be a connection to Bobby Barton who was Jack Guzik's body guard. I'll send more information later.

A Robert "Bobbie" Barton was chauffeur for Johnny Torrio...he was there when Torrio was shot ca1925. He was driving a car belonging to Jack Guzik. Barton was wounded in that incident. During Jack Guzik's tax trial a witness testified that the gambling profits were delivered to Bobbie Barton, Guzik's chauffeur...so Barton was involved in the gambling operations for Jack Guzik and Capone.

Sylvester Barton was Bobbie Barton's brother and Al Capone's chauffeur.

Circa 1933 a Dan Barton was front/owner of record for the 100 Club, 100 E. Superior, Chicago.

From Taylor sales records:

"JMB", harp mold
Ted Svoboda, 2316 S. Cicero Ave., Cicero
300 chips in 1941

Is JMB Barton? Not sure

Gene

I don't have much on Barton Club, but I'm sending you some scraps that may mesh with what you can find out from other sources.

It's interesting that the name appearing on the "JMB" harp mold order, Ted Svoboda, was the police chief in Cicero back in the Capone era. There were some Barton's that chauffeured for Capone gang, but none matching the initials on the JMB chip. A Dan Barton was owner or front man for the "Club 100" a mob run night club and gambling spot downtown.

Dave

Note: Ex chief of police got chips delivered to the Barton Club address. Interesting.

Name *Ed. Probrda*

Address *2316 Cicero Ave.*

Town *Chicago* State *Ill.*

Per *Same*

SPECIAL MONOGRAM

JMB

Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
<i>150</i>	<i>Alk Red</i>	<i>yes</i>	<i>#132</i>					
<i>100</i>	<i>Blue</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>				<i>Gold</i>	<i>7-19-41</i>
<i>50</i>	<i>White</i>	<i>..</i>	<i>..</i>				<i>"</i>	<i>" .. "</i>
							<i>"</i>	<i>" .. "</i>

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I need this chip. If you have a trader, cough it up.

By 1955, 2316 address operated as "Steven's Grill"

Note: The new chief of police is now under fire for allowing gambling.
Barton Club is mentioned frequently in the article.

CICERO'S CHIEF FACES INQUIRY BY GRAND JURY. (1949, August 25). Chicago Daily Tribune (1923-1963),A9. Retrieved June 24, 2011, from ProQuest Historical Newspapers Chicago Tribune (1849 - 1987). (Document ID: 489667442).

CICERO'S CHIEF FACES INQUIRY BY GRAND JURY

Evidence of gambling operations in Cicero will be presented to the September grand jury, State's Atty. Boyle announced yesterday after he had received another batch of reports from investigators in the suburb.

The state's attorney, who has sent nine warning letters to Christopher Rooney, Cicero police chief, informing him of places where gambling was under way, said he was "all thru" writing letters to the chief. The ninth letter was not sent by mail, but was delivered into Rooney's hands by a policeman on Aug. 16.

Bookies Found Operating

Investigators for the prosecutor on Aug. 16 found handbooks running at 4634 Cermak rd. and at 1312 S. Cicero av. On Aug. 17, the investigators found 50 persons gambling at the Barton club, 2320 S. Cicero av., and that the handbook at 1312 S. Cicero had moved to 1336 S. Cicero av.

On Aug. 18 the place at 1336 S. Cicero av., was still running and another gambling joint was found at 3544 S. Laramie av. The Barton club had 70 patrons on Aug. 19 and 50 persons were found gambling at the Laramie av. address on the same day.

On Aug. 20 the Barton club had 85 customers and the Circle Bar, 5534 Cermak rd., was taking bets from 50 patrons, the investigators reported.

Club's Patronage Increases

Boyle noted that, since his last warning letter to Rooney, the number of customers at the Barton club had been increasing. Rooney became chief last April 18 as the appointee of Cicero's new board president, Henry J. Sandusky, Democratic committeeman.

At that time Rooney announced he would permit no gambling, syndicate or free lance, and that he would co-operate with Boyle's efforts to keep the town free of the hoodlum elements that plagued it for many years.

Presumably Boyle planned to present to the grand jury evidence on which to base a charge of misfeasance in office against Rooney. Such a charge is pending against Robert Wigglesworth, Melrose Park chief of police.

Sheriff Walsh said his deputies had made raids on gambling establishments in Cicero, but that none had been made recently because he had not received any complaints from the suburb. Ordinarily, he said, his anti-gambling raiders worked in unincorporated areas, moving into cities and villages, only in response to specific complaints.

FBI links the Barton Club to the Buffalo, NY Cosa Nostra crime family. Barton Club mentioned several times.

ROBERT WIEDRICH. (1967, October 14). Link Cicero, Eastern Mafia. Chicago Tribune

Link Cicero, Eastern Mafia

BY ROBERT WIEDRICH

A direct link between Cicero gangsters and an eastern Mafia group has been discovered by federal agents. THE TRIBUNE learned exclusively yesterday.

It is the first major breakthrough by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in a nearly year-long probe of possible interstate ties between the vice and gambling den operators in Cicero and crime syndicate hoodlums in other cities.

Plan to Yank Licenses

Disclosure of the gangland traffic was made in information turned over to the Illinois Liquor Control commission as liquor license revocation proceedings were instituted against three more Cicero vice dens for apparent fraud in obtaining licenses.

Identified as a key figure in the Cicero mob connections with the Magaddino Mafia family in Buffalo, N. Y., is Alphonse Carlisi, 53, liquor licensee of Al's Place, 3500 S. Laramie av., Cicero, a joint located across the street from Sportsman's Park race track.

As disclosed in the information given state authorities, Carlisi admitted constant telephone communication with his older brother, Roy (The Clam Man) Carlisi, 58, a Buffalo crime syndicate chieftain.

Cosa Nostra Aid

The older Carlisi was identified as a top lieutenant of Stefano Magaddino, Buffalo Cosa Nostra boss, and was among 36 men seized May 9 by the FBI and state and local police in a raid on an upper-echelon gangland meeting in a Buffalo restaurant.

Roy Carlisi was also among 65 men arrested by New York state police in 1957 at the infamous Appalachian Mafia meeting. Magaddino has been named as Mafia racket boss of western New York and the Ohio river valley.

Investigators reported that Alphonse Carlisi, who often uses the alias of Alphonso Drago, was the apparent link between the gangland mob bossed by Fiore (Fifi) Buccieri and Joseph (The Doves) Aiuppa in Cicero, and Mafia connections in the east.

Mob's Many Interests

The Cicero mob masterminds a network of vice and gambling joints, loan shark operations, juke box racketeering, and lesser hoodlum functions such as the activity of cartage thieves, burglars, and stick-up men. As such, many of its functions involve interstate transactions, investigators said.

Howard Cartwright, Illinois Liquor Control commission chairman, ordered that the Carlisi cocktail lounge and two other Cicero joints be cited to appear at hearings to explore the legality of their licenses.

An FBI investigation of Carlisi's activity disclosed that he is in apparent violation of a state law requiring that a license holder live in the community in which he is licensed.

On his license applications, which were approved by Cicero town officials, Carlisi has repeatedly listed two Cicero addresses as his home. They are 4901 W. 30th pl., and more recently 3500 S. Laramie av., the address of Al's Place.

Lives in Berkely

Actually, investigators found that Carlisi lives at 5837 Maple st., Berkely, where he is listed as a registered voter and where he has his automobile driver licenses registered. Until last July, he operated the Starlite

lounge at 4901 W. 30th pl., another of the addresses where he has claimed residency, records show.

Carlisi, whose brother Sam Drago also is an associate of Buccieri, has an arrest record dating back to 1937. In 1965 and 1966 Carlisi purchased \$250 federal gaming device stamps for the Starlite lounge. He has admitted to federal agents that he lives in Berkeley and not Cicero.

Two other Cicero joints were cited for hearings by Cartwright. They are Harry's lounge, 2320 S. Cicero av., long-time B-girl and gambling center, and the 2900 Club, 2900 S. Cicero av., recently raided as a bookmaking headquarters.

Lives in N. Riverside

Peter H. Contos, 34, licensee of Harry's lounge, admitted to investigators, the liquor commission was told, that he did not live at 5014 W. 25th st., Cicero, but instead lives in a \$35,000 home at 8646 W. 25th st., North Riverside.

This is the same address he gave sheriff's police when he was one of 17 persons arrested by them in a series of gambling raids on joints including Harry's Lounge.

Located in Hotel

Contos, who is a university graduate, told investigators that altho he has been exposed to higher education, the Cicero tavern business is too lucrative to pass up. Reports to Chairman Cartwright indicate Contos admits personal annual earnings of nearly \$18,000, while Harry's lounge grosses more than \$100,000 a year.

The joint is located in the Barton hotel, 2318 S. Cicero av., Cicero, a notorious gambling location.

Mario F. Caputo, 36, licensee of the 2900 Club, was cited by the liquor commission after FBI men determined he lives at 3513 W. Madison st., Bellwood, instead of at the tavern in Cicero. Caputo, who has been arrested under the alias Robert Zito, was seized Sept. 28 after a clearing house was raided above the tavern.

Photo showing the inside of Barton Club address, but it's well after the Barton Club era. It's in the process of being demolished by police with axes.



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(address appears on Barton Club matchbooks, date unknown)

Racing results by wire "ladies invited"

Pic of horse and jockey

On inside of cover: "John Polansky Smoke Shop", "2316 S. Cicero"



BC7att

Saw this while I was looking for some Greyhound Club articles for you. You'll find the name that appears on the Barton Club chip order in this article.

Dave

The article mentions the former Chief of police Ted Svoboda that received chips at the Barton Club address and a 3rd Cicero chief of police under fire. I think that makes 3 in a row. <g>

300 witnesses, 38 indictments returned, 13 policemen and 25 gamblers/operators indicted.

All were thrown out by the judge except 1, the chief of police.

Tribune April 4, 1944.

LONG GAMBLING CRUSADE ENDS IN COLLAPSE

McCarthy, with 23 Others, Set Free.

Cook county's most recent anti-gambling crusade collapsed yesterday.



Judge Rudolph F. Desort in Criminal court accepted a motion by the state to nolle prosequere an indictment charging 24 persons, including former Chief Hugh T. McCarthy of the county highway police and former Chief Theodore L. Svoboda of Cicero, with conspiracy to permit gambling.

The judge's action wiped the docket clean of all but one similar indictment growing out of the investigation into county gambling conducted by the October and November grand juries—an investigation which dragged Police Commissioner Allman and Mayor Kelly into the grand jury room, and resulted in the summary suspension of nine police captains.

All except one of the captains subsequently have been restored to duty.

300 Witnesses, 38 Indictments.
The score of the gambling drive last night stood:

Witnesses questioned by a jury which once worked 36 hours without sleep—300.

Indictments returned—38, including 13 policemen and 25 gamblers.
Convictions to date—none.

Cases still pending—one; that of Capt. Frank Malone, formerly in charge of the Chicago Lawn station, who, with another policeman, is named with John J. Williams, gambling house owner who was acquitted of murdering Martin (Sonny Boy) Quirk, in the only gambling conspiracy indictment left on the docket out of all those voted by the grand jurors.

Court Holds Raids Illegal.

Judge Desort dismissed the cases before him yesterday after Assistant State's Attorneys Richard Austin and Alex Napoli moved to nolle prosequere. Their motion followed a court ruling that the raids on which the indictments were based were illegal because they were made without a search warrant.

The raids, made at the request of the Chicago Crime commission, were on two profitable Guzik syndicate gambling casinos: The Dome at 7466 Irving Park rd., and the Rock Gardens in Cicero.

Crime Commission Praises Jurors.

"It is unfortunate that the splendid work of the October grand jury could not have resulted in at least the full hearing in court of the testimony relating to the charge in the indictments," said Virgil Peterson, operating director of the crime commission, last night.

"The final results are too typical of the past attempts to prosecute those engaged in rackets and organized crime in Chicago.

"The results of the October grand jury's work, however, cannot be measured only in terms of convictions. In the first place, it established the political alliance with the underworld that controls gambling. It established that gambling houses

There is a lot of history here. Many big names in the illegal Cicero operations from the prohibition era on through 1967.

The Barton Club operated many years under a number of different names. Wait till you see how many different names The Greyhound Club operated under. <g>

History! You gotta love it!!!