

David Spragg bought the JEG hubs and EVW L molds in one lot on ebay. He will be along with a sales post. Hubs are easy but L molds are a little tougher to put ID's to. I am told L mold records exist but the lady refuses to give them up. Hopefully one day.

The EVW's turned out to be easily IDed also. A search of the Mason records turned up EVW hub molds, same font, were also ordered by John E. "Jack" Gwynne in 1948.

Mason record - hub mold EVW

Jack Gwynne

100 each white, red, black, orange.

Everett Athletic Club, Washington.

1948

I need the EVW hub molds. Cough them up if you have a trader. 😊

We now have both L and hub molds in Jack's possession.

The research did not turn up any info about Jack and the Everett Athletic Club. Could he have used it for a mailing address? As you will read, we do have him with a gambling operation at the Evergreen Tavern.

We believe the EV stands for Everett and the W for Washington.

Enough of that:

Washington:



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J. E. Gwynne
Box 496
Washougal, Wash.
11-1-1946
300W 5¢
300R 25¢
280 B \$1.00
120 Y \$5.00



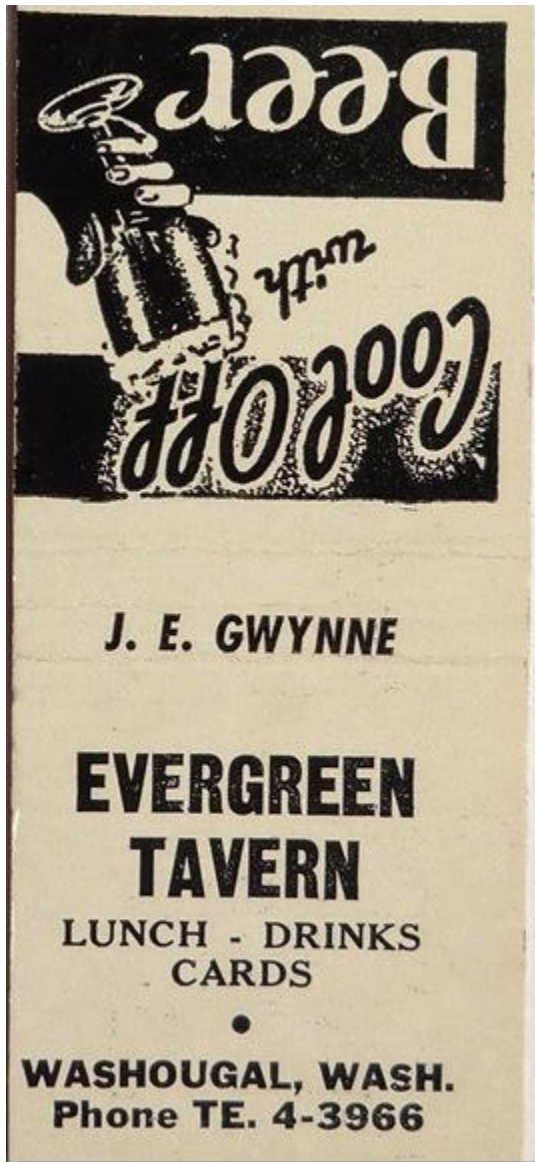
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My note: The hand written HUB mold JEG record card was the way Allan Meyers used to record his records when obtained from the person that had the records back in the early 1990's. For you newer collectors Allan was one of the 3 original authors of The Gaming Table and The Chip Rack.

John E. "Jack" Gwynne, a native of the State of Washington, moved to Washougal in the mid 1940' where he owned and operated the Evergreen Tavern. Washougal, part of the Portland, Oregon metropolitan area, had a population of around 1,500 when Gwynne moved to town and opened his tavern and card room.

Prior to moving to Washougal, Gwynne had operated a tavern a few miles up the Columbia River in the town of Bingen.

matchbook: "lunch – drinks – cards"



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Gwynne operated the Evergreen until his death in 1956 at the age of 63. During the years Gwynne ran the Evergreen, gambling was illegal in the State of Washington. However, municipalities would issue licenses for card tables in taverns, pool halls, etc.—so if you had a license you could legally have a poker game set up in the open in your tavern but the people playing at the table could not legally gamble on the action (of course, most did anyway).

My note: I guess the story in case a cop walks in was "no gambling" the person with the least chips each hour has to buy a round of drinks for the table. 😊

Here's a pic of Gwynne and his wife Monttie from the 1940's:



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A few months after Gwynne's death his widow Monttie put the place up for sale:

EVERGREEN tavern and card room
with 2 apts. Recently widowed, re-
tiring. Ph. Temple 4-3966, Wa-
shougal, Wash.

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Apparently there weren't any takers or Monttie had a change of heart because she continued to own the Evergreen until about 1963 when she moved to California, dying there in 1975.

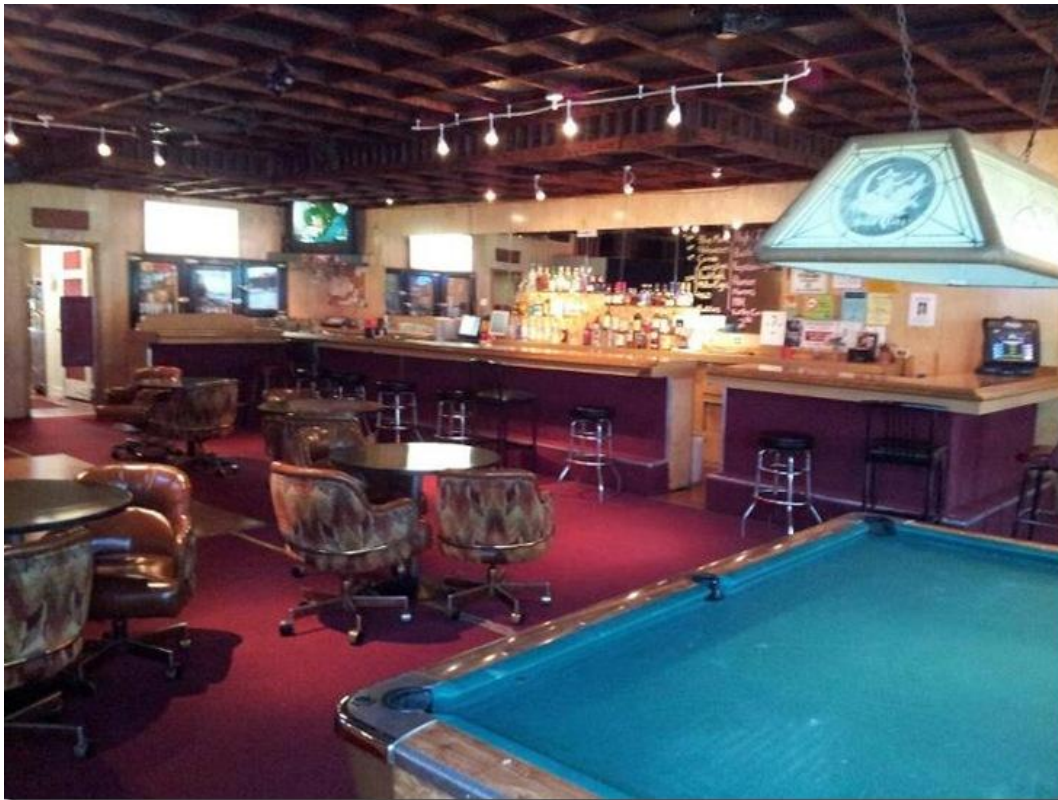
The Evergreen Tavern was located at 1638 "B" Street (also known as Main St.) until around 1963 when the structure which housed the address was condemned and the tavern moved down the street to 1926 B St. (on the southwest corner of Main & Washington). The Evergreen was still doing business into the 1980's.

Here's a recent photo of the location at 1926 B St. when it housed the Fireside Bar & Grill:



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Interior view from 2012; place doing business as the Landing Bar & Grill:



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This is "Illegal Of The Day" number 181, We are closing on 200. 😊