

Once again CCGTCC convention 2011 was good to me. Unlike the BC T mold "Barton Club, I posted about last week, I knew what the Greyhound chips were the minute I saw them. Although Al Capone was visiting the "BIG BOOTLEGER DOWN UNDER" when the Greyhound chips were made there is no doubt it was his joint at one time. As you will read below the address operated under different names 1924 through 1962.

Once again Dave Brown was the largest contributor of info in this post, by far. He has a tremendous collection of Chicago chips and database information on the outfit joints that existed in Chicago. Thank you Dave.

I picked up a couple extra's of the Greyhound chips in case John Binder and Dave Brown needed one. Dave said he had the Tan one but needed the Orange one. HUH? No Tan on the order card. David Spragg was still at my house and we examined what I had. Sure enough I had both Tan and Grey. After much back and forth we decided both were grey and the tan was due to handling and usage. I sent John and Dave each a chip. I had 1 orange and 3 grey's left over. One grey was sent to an Illinois collector

A few days later while putting one each color in my chip database I took another look at my left over 2 grey chips. Just happened to be a tan and a grey. It was not by design just luck. I decided to find out for sure. The grey had a nick, so I nicked the Tan to match it. Both are two different colors thru and thru. I now think someone at Taylor used two different colored blanks by mistake while hot stamping them. Colors are close as you can see in the scan but are for sure 2 different colors.

Enough of that:

Illinois:

Greyhound Club  
4831-4835 Cermak Rd  
Chicago/Cicero, IL  
Chips delivered 1940-43



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Name Greyhound Club Address 4831 W. Cermak Road Town Cicero State Ill.

Per \_\_\_\_\_

GREYHOUND SPECIAL MONOGRAM \$25.00 \$10.00

Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
200	Pink		Spec	Greyhound	25¢		SILVER	6-22-40
70	White		"	"	10¢		Gold	" " "
35	Chocolate		"	"	5¢		"	" " "
149	Pink	YES	Spec				SILVER	7-27-40
70	White	"	"				Gold	" " "
35	Chocolate	"	"				"	" " "
35	dk Blue		Spec	"	\$10.00	script	Gold	7-30-43
20	Black		"	"	\$25.00	"	"	"
80	Black		"	"	\$10.00	"	"	7-15-43
80	Choc	"					"	7-15-43

Name Greyhound Recreation Address 4831 W. Cermak Rd Town Cicero State Ill.

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GREYHOUND SPECIAL MONOGRAM

Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
240	Br Orange	Greyhound	Spec				Silver	7-15-43
320	Grey	"	"				Gold	7-15-43

Greyhound2att2

From Dave:

I have some articles on the Greyhound...will send something soon.

4831 Cermak, Cicero

I know you want clippings, but here's the basics: in the 30s the Greyhound club was Ralph Capone's jazz club. Not aware of gambling there at the time, but certainly next door. It was named after the nearby dog track. Later it was owned by Joseph Aiuppa, who was one of the owners of Taylor & Co, and also the top outfit guy in Cicero. Later Aiuppa would become the top boss of the Chicago outfit (1970s?). The chips are from the Aiuppa period. It was primarily known as a handbook at the time, but certainly would have hosted the floating table games on occasion. It also acted as Aiuppa's office and hangout.

Was part of a string of interconnected buildings at 4831-4835 Cermak Rd (22nd St) in Cicero that at various times was home to the Hawthorne Smoke Shop, Greyhound Club, Montmartre, Turf Club, and Towne Hotel... (I'm sure I'm forgetting something). This block of buildings was really the nerve center for the Capone gambling operations even if the big games often happened elsewhere.

I think I have pictures of this address from a decade or so later, when it was Turf Club.

Dave

Gene

I'm attaching an article that mentions the greyhound in connection with Ralph Capone. This predates it's days as a known gambling spot, but it was part of an interconnected group of buildings where the various gambling operations were overseen. I'll send more soon.

Dave



Gene

Here's an article covering Capone's tax trial in 1931. In describing the gambling operations at the Hawthorne Smoke Shop, at 4835 22nd, a picture shows this address as Montmartre. (The Capone trial was focused on events of 1924-1927, but trial took place in 1930-31)

## MISSING CAPONE TAX WITNESS FOUND BY U. S.

La Cava Before Jury;  
Alterie Makes Bond.

CRIMINAL COURT.  
Anthony Bartheleme, Nick Malliviers,  
and Jerry Jaros, robbers, sentenced to 1  
to 50 years each in the penitentiary by  
Judge Ross C. Hall.

(Picture on back page.)  
Louis La Cava, long sought missing link in the development of an income tax case against Al Capone, head man on the public enemy roster, has been apprehended by a federal agent and brought back to Chicago on a forthwith grand jury subpoena.  
This was learned yesterday when La Cava spent several hours in the grand jury chambers while his attorney combed the federal building searching for him. La Cava's predecessor as a grand jury witness in the Capone case was Louis Alterie, who was locked up on Wednesday on a charge of perjury growing out of his testimony in connection with Capone's Cicero gambling enterprises.  
La Cava, it has been reported, is regarded by the federal investigators as a key witness necessary to the perfection of an income tax case against Capone.

Checks Tell of Profits.  
Books, papers, and canceled checks seized by detectives led by John Stege, then deputy chief, in 1924, during a raid on a gambling house at 471 1/2 West 22d street, indicated that millions of dollars had been reaped by the Cicero gambling combine headed by Capone. La Cava's name figured prominently in the records, and one canceled check, in the amount of \$17,826, was made out to him and signed by Fred Ries.

Fred Ries was the Capone gambling house cashier who took the stand for the government in the trial of Jack Guzik, chief lieutenant of Capone, and testified that the average net monthly profits of the Cicero temples of chance were from \$25,000 to \$30,000. Ries named Al Capone, Ralph Capone, Jack Guzik, and Frank Nitti, the latter three having been sentenced to the penitentiary for income tax evasion, as the owners of the gambling houses.

Report Pope Before Jury.  
The name of Frankie Pope, also appeared in the records of the gambling houses raided by Stege's men. Pope was reported to have testified before the grand jury last week in connection with Capone's unreported income.

La Cava, according to police, has been away from Chicago for several years, like Alterie, who went into seclusion on his ranch in Riland, Colo., to escape the vengeance of rival gangsters. Where the federal government located La Cava was not disclosed. A. P. Madden, head of the intelligence unit, revenue bureau, which has charge of income tax fraud cases, would not admit that La Cava had been seized.

Alterie, the pal of the late Dean O'Banion, who once issued a public challenge to meet the slayers of his chieftain at State and Madison streets and shoot it out, spent yesterday in the United States marshal's lockup before gaining his release at 5 p. m. on a \$15,000 bond fixed by United States Commissioner Walker on the perjury charge pending a hearing on March 12.

Alterie was charged with perjuring himself in denying to the grand jurors that he owned an interest in a gambling house at 4835 West 22d street, Cicero.



[TRIBUNE Photo.]

**CAUSE OF PROSECUTION OF GANG LEADER**  
Building at 4835 West 22d street which, federal agents charge, once housed gambling house in which Louis Alterie was interested as partner of Al Capone. (Story on page 9.)

Greyhound5att2

The Taylor & Co chip orders are the only dated references that mention Greyhound Club that I have. FBI documents suggest Aiuppa bought the property in 1930, and 1930 articles have Ralph Capone denying ownership.

My note: Big surprise! A Capone denying ownership. <g>

Here is an approximate timeline combining multiple sources:

- 1924-1928 Hawthorne Smoke Shop
- 1929-1930 Montmartre
- 1931-1938 Greyhound??? 1st incarnation??? not clear!
- 1939-1940 Paddock Lounge
- 1940-1950 Greyhound Club
- 1956-1962 Turf lounge

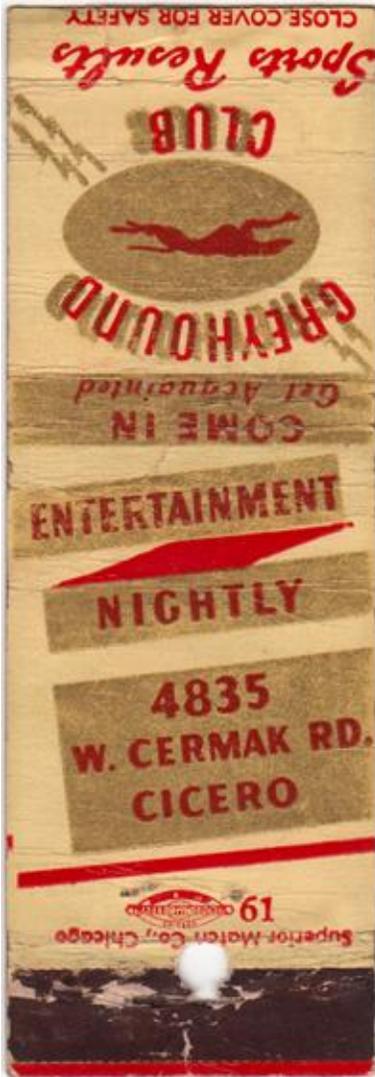
Gene

I'm not having much luck finding Greyhound Club news articles for you. I have some for other businesses that operated at the same address at various times, and others that

may be from the Greyhound period that only mention an address. Most of the material in my notes is from FBI FOIA documents related to Aiuppa.

Here's a scan of a Greyhound Club matchbook. This one showing the 4835 address. Will send another that shows the 4831 address.

Dave



Greyhound6att2



Greyhound7att2

Not done yet! Here's a picture from my collection of negatives, showing this address ca1962 when it was Turf Lounge.



Greyhound8att2

My note. The Greyhound Club existed? The Greyhound Club did not exist? Conflicting arguments abound. <g>

IMO the chips say it all. <g>

<http://www.thechipboard.com/index.cgi/page/1/md/read/id/1115268/sbj/illegal-of-the-day-illinois-16/>