

David & I bought 6 of the CPI hubs from the BB. One each went to our inner circle of 5 illegal collectors. The 6th chip went to Paul Bender our Jeffersonville, IN expert. The second I saw the Mason card info I recognized the name. I was sure I knew where it was used. Several of the Jeffersonville illegal operators lived in or had chips delivered to Louisville, KY. Irwin Weber was one of them. David agreed with me. Paul spent 2 days at the Jeffersonville library. The criss cross directories were not much help.

Email from Paul Bender

Jeffersonville, IN library was wiped out in the great flood of 1937 along with much of Covington, Newport, and some of Cincinnati. Not any help left there.

My note: My Mother told stories about the great flood of 1937. It all but wiped out Covington up to 5th street. She lived on 4th Street in 1937 and still lived there in 1942 when I was born.

Email from David Spragg:

I am looking on google maps. Court Avenue and Court Street are 2 totally different roads in Jeffersonville. My limited googling comes up with Club Pines, Inc for that address (CPI) which must have become 1-2-3 club the next year (1936).

My note: This turned out to be a false trail, but it did spawn some good info on The Pines hubs and C&S chips. That info will be in a future "Illegal Of The Day" post.

Paul contacted some of the Jeffersonville old timers that have helped him in the past.

Email from Paul Bender:

Yes, the Building was there in 35 and 36 and it had Duck pin bowling. It even had a sign outside with the logo on the 123 street side. So I think you are correct in the attribution of Jeffersonville.

Way to go!

My note: I know many of you will have questions about the great American sport of "Duck Pin Bowling." <g>. Here is Paul's short version.

Duck pins were short...about 8" and the ball was the size of a soft ball. Thrown underhanded.[and fast] pin boys often hurt by flying pins

Many of the baseball players of the day used it to keep in shape. Today there is a cult following of the game.

Go to Wick-o-pedia or whatever it is called. <g>

Paul

Enough of that:

Indiana:



CPI1att2

Delivered to:

Irwin Weber

300 S 38th St

Louisville, KY

300 pink, 1500 white

50/50 white and green hotstamps

9/3/35

Used at

123 Club

*123 Court St*

Jeffersonville, IN.

Enter our "Friend Of The hobby:

I couldn't find any references to the "Club Pines, Inc." at that address or anywhere else. Definitely a place called The Pines ("Pines, Inc." on chips) located north of New Albany, near Jeffersonville, Indiana.

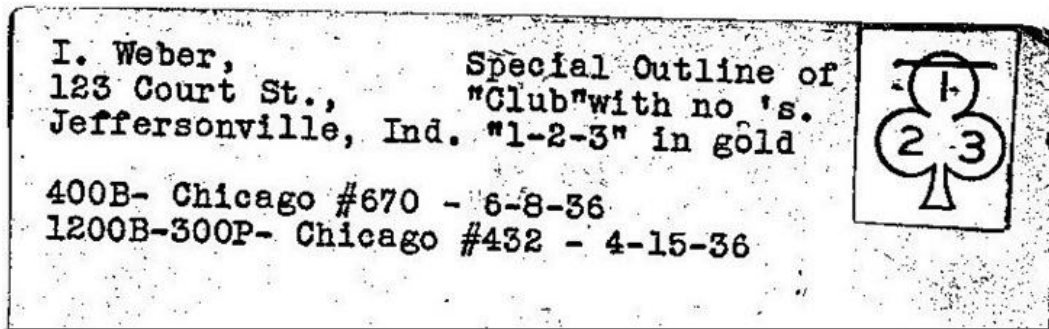
The CPI chips were delivered to Irwin Phillip Weber at his residential address in Louisville, Kentucky. Weber was born at Louisville in 1893 and died there in 1969, age 75. Weber was involved in the cutlery business from the 1910's to at least the early 1930's, several of those years in a partnership with his brother Jacob called "Weber Bros."

Never saw any evidence that he was associated with The Pines, but I couldn't find much about him.

My note. Besides Paul's trip to 2 libraries he has contact with several of the old timers in Jeffersonville. They confirm the 123 club and Irwin Weber. Despite all of everyone's research on this, we could not come up with what the CPI on the chips stand for. I will take a shot at it. <g>

Three people involved with the gambling. C\_\_\_\_P\_\_\_\_ and Irwin.

About 8 months after the CPI order the "123 in club" hub chips are delivered to an I. Weber at 123 Court St., Jeffersonville, IN.



Presumably this I. Weber is the Irwin Weber who ordered the CPI hubs. The 100 block of Court Avenue in Jeffersonville was for decades a location known for gambling operations. The only reference to a 123 Club that I could find was from October 1938; 123 Club, Greyhound Club and Turf Club close down:

## Lid Clamped Down On Three Hoosier Gambling Casinos

Jeffersonville, Ind., Oct. 25.—(AP).—Three gambling casinos were shut down in and near this Ohio river city, just across from Louisville, today while citizens speculated on what their closing might mean.

The Club Greyhound north of here on U. S. Road 31 and the Turf Club and 1-2-3 Club inside the city limits were closed yesterday. Their operators did not explain their action.

In Indianapolis, Governor Townsend said he was "very happy" they were closed. He would not say whether he had given Clark county officials any warning beyond his recent letter threatening state police action in any communities where gambling was not stopped.

A county official who would not allow his name to be used said, "the lid is on and there will be no more gambling in Clark county while Townsend is governor."

But in Louisville last night, Major Walter Ulrey, head of the Volunteers of America, quoted William Gavin, owner of the Greyhound, as telling him "they were only closed until this thing blows over."

Ulrey said he had offered to lease the big brick clubhouse for a tabernacle from which he might broadcast religious services, but had been given a "horse laugh" for an answer.

James Gavin, brother of William Gavin, said the Greyhound was closed for good. Irvin Gibbs, owner of the Turf Club, said he had not decided what to do.

Here's a pic of the 100 block of Court Avenue from the late 1940's showing the addresses---all at one time or another housed gambling rooms and have chips associated with them. At the time of the photo, 123 Court housed the Court Café; Antz was there for decades—pre and post 1937 flood:



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Antz Cafe in 1910, It was dynamited in 1942 in a war between gambling factions.



Exterior Mosaic Work Executed by The American Mosaic and Tile Co., Louisville, Ky

CPI14a att2

snip from a Jeffersonville historical preservation pamphlet from 2012:

During the 1930s and 1940s Jeffersonville was a hotbed of illicit activity. Five casinos were located in a single block of West Court Avenue: Antz Café, 119 Club, 121 Club, 125 Club and the Court Café. Gaming and betting took place for racing as well as roulette and craps. Local and state authorities were able to shut down the gaming halls by 1948.

CPI5att2



My note. In above article, The Antz used 117 chips and Court Cafe was the 123 Club in the 1930's..

snip of an article from 1946:

Jefferson, another Indiana town within easy striking distance from Louisville, also has been drawing attention. There are numerous gambling spots on Court Avenue in Jeffersonville, near the municipal bridge to Louisville. They have garnered thousands of dollars from war workers at the huge powder plants at nearby Charlestown, Ind. The luxuriously-equipped Greyhound Club, a few miles north of Jeffersonville, attracted a wealthy gambling clientele from Louisville for years but it has been put out of business. Horse race betting, roulette, chuck-a-luck, baseball and football pools, pick-and-win tickets, policy numbers and punchboards continue, however, to flourish in numerous spots in Jeffersonville proper.

CPI6att2

ad from 1921:

W. C. Antz, Prop.      Phone 169

**ANTZ'S**

ALL NIGHT

RESTAURANT

Soft Drinks  
Cigar Stand

117 WEST COURT AVE.  
JEFFERSONVILLE, - INDIANA

CPI7att2

Gamblers throwing dynamite at Antz in 1942:

## ***Gambling War Flares At Hoosier Defense Center***

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., July 27.—(UP)—Jeffersonville's gambling war flared into violence today when the Antz Cafe, loitering place for war workers, was bombed and three persons were injured, one critically.

Police, who refused comment on the bombing said only that "an investigation has begun." The explosion occurred in the early hours of the morning during a change of shifts at the Charlestown Powder plant, at the time when the cafe was crowded.

Paul Marshall, 22, one of the three men seriously injured, was in a critical condition at Clark County Memorial hospital, where physicians said they did not expect him to survive his injuries.

Also injured were Roy Beal, 18, John W. Alstott, 49, and Rhodie Cecil, 45.

Two separate sticks of dynamite were thrown at the cafe. The blasts completely wrecked the exterior of the building.

Mayor Homer G. Vawter of Jeffersonville, said he believed the bombing was the result of a gambling war which has held the area in its grip since Jeffersonville and surrounding cities began to feel the effects of a defense-area boom.

"We are not going to allow this to continue," Vawter declared.

CPI8att2

My note: Here is a little trip down Court Street in address numbered chips. <g>

117 Court St





CPI9att2

119 Court St

Name <u>C. R. Lowe</u>				SPECIAL MONOGRAM				
Address <u>119 W Court St.</u>				<b>119</b>				
Town <u>Jeffersonville</u> State <u>Ind.</u>								
Per <u>Taylor's T. Checks</u>								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
2000	Yellow	YES	119				Silver	7-19-45
2000	"	"	119				"	8-11-45

CPI10att2



CPI11att2

121 Court St

Name <u>Harry Phillips</u>				SPECIAL MONOGRAM				
Address <u>121 Court Street</u>				GAL				
Town <u>Jeffersonville</u> State <u>Ind.</u>								
Per _____								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
700	DK. Red	yes	"2 Bl.				Gold	6-25-41
300	Bl. Orange	"	"				Silver	"
300	DK Red	"	"				Gold	7-18-41
200	Bl. Orange	"	"				Silver	" " "

CPI12att2




CPI13att2



CPI14att2

123 Court St

I. Weber, 123 Court St., Jeffersonville, Ind.	Special Outline of "Club" with no 's. "1-2-3" in gold	
400B- Chicago #670 - 6-8-36		
1200B-300P- Chicago #432 - 4-15-36		

CPI15att2



CPI16att2



CPI1att2

125 Court St



CPI17att2

then/now view (building which housed Antz is gone):



CPI18att2

Chips delivered in 1935, 2 years before the great flood of 1937 all but destroyed the lower end of Jeffersonville including the library and most of the history of Court Street.

Special thanks to Paul Bender and a couple old timers that lived that history.

The following is from the Caron's directories New Albany, In for 123 Court St: 12-19012 PAB

33-34 Listed as a Vacant building

35-36 Listed as a Vacant building, But was known as the 123 Club With Duck Pin Bowling

37-38 Listed as a Vacant building, But was known as the 123 Club with Duck Pin bowling

39-40 Listed as a Vacant building

41-42 Huff furniture

43-44 Huff furniture

45-46 No book available

47 Banker's Bar & Cafe

49 Court Café ....Stockhoff, Julius Restaurant

51 Court Café ...Stockhoff, Julius [Harold] Restaurant

53 Court Café ....now listed as a Tavern

55 Court Café Tavern

Through

70 Court Café Tavern

71 listed as Vacant Bld. However. I have a photo with it listed as the Court Café.

72 Vacant Bld.

73 Waiz, Robert L. , Realtor

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including

Update 1/6/13

Paul Bender found some info on the 123 Club, that really surprised me.

Email string below.

Gene,

While going through the microfilm yesterday I found a new name associated with the 1-2-3 club.

You may want to pass this on to our "Friend"

The Jeffersonville Evening News [not digital] Oct. 1, 1938

17 face charges for possession of Slot Machines.

Listed for 1-2-3 West Court Ave. Louis Levenson

First time I have seen his name.

Enclosed is the fire map of 119.....in 1934[I think]it was there and was the white tavern.

The Jeff library didn't have the 1929 Caron directory so I will go to New albany tomorrow and look up the 29 book for Rich. After I have the 29 information I will post it to the BB.

My typing skills suck so I don't post much

Paul

My reply:

That's Sleepout Louie. He ran the 633 (Flamingo) in Newport for the New York mob.

My email to Jim Linduff:

What do you think of this?

Sounds like he is talking about Sleepout Louie in 1938, Jeffersonville, IN.

Email from Jim Linduff:

I would be almost certain that this was Sleepout. At that time he was running the 633 in Newport for the NY Boys and they could easily have been in Jeffersonville also.

Your latest Illegal was great BTY. I guess the only other tie to Sleepout would be confirming Lansky and Company were in Jeffersonville in the day.

You and Paul Bender know much more than I do and I know Jeffersonville was called Little Chicago, but I thought the joints were mostly run by locals.

Jim

Email from Paul:

That is the FIRST connection between Newport and Jeffersonville that I have ever seen. I wonder if the reporter got it wrong?

Paul

My note:

[illegible]