

California, the broke state. I quit going to CA when they started searching cars for cigarettes at the NV/CA border.

California has had legal card rooms for many years, probably 1,000's of them.

They have also had some full blown illegal casinos. I have quite a few hubs going back to the 1920's. Hard for me to tell if they were legal card rooms or illegals. Hopefully will get around to researching them someday.

Here are two, I know were full blown illegal casinos, craps, roulette, etc. Jackson had quite a few illegals until they were closed in 1957.

Louvre

Jackson, California

These are roulette chips. I have 3 colors. They came from the Mayor of Jackson 1972-88, Mike Spinetti. I think most reading this will recognize the name. Mike and I have been friends many years. Mike remembers having dinner there roughly 1956, when he was 10 years old.

The owner was Chuck Fuller. Chuck was Sharkey's partner in the Gardnerville, NV casino until gaming pulled Chuck's license.

The Louvre was an upscale place and operated until the late 1940's-mid 1950's



The Bank Club

19 Main St

1942-51

Full fledged illegal per Steve McLendon

Mike Spinetti also gave me this chip but was only 4 years old when it closed. Here is the kicker, Mike owns this building today.



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Maybe-maybe not illegal.

JD In Horseshoe.

JD Sherman

Mill Valley CA

1938



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BGP-Dick Dascomb

Route 1 Box 200

Taft Ca

No date on card.



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Andre Club

L. Andre

727 10th St

1939

This one is listed wrong in on line guide.



15041

Pretty sure these were illegals.

Sundown Club

San Francisco, Ca

Illegal private club pre 1958-Mentioned in KOBV radio station brochure as prior tenant in their building.



9718

Film Row Club

San Francisco, CA

Owned by Lesley Cohen, illegal bookmaker, also owned the Kingston Club in SF



8551

If I am wrong on any of these, I am sure the CA boys will chime in.