

We have seen "Illegal Of The Day" posts from 47 of our 50 states. I was missing illegal club chips from Vermont, Delaware, and North Dakota. That list is now down to 2 states thanks to David Spragg who got a few QCC on ebay. I had the TGT and Mason database's checked and the only 2 listings for Vermont and Delaware are:

Delaware TGT – no entries

The only hubs from DE is one chip to American Legion 14

Vermont – one entry

Sunshine Men's Club, Pawlet 1920's – 1950's "gaming not confirmed but probable."

American Legion's were actually illegal gambling in most states. I am laying odds there were other illegal chips from both states and will keep on looking.

The ebay seller was listing the QCC as OCC. It is not usual that ebay sellers can't read fonts on chips.
<g> David will be along with some QCC chips to sell.

Enough of that:



QCC1att2

QCC

Portland Card Company records:

Queen City Club,

Dickinson, ND. 3/23/55

100 yellow, 200 green, 200 lavender..... 500 chips total

Enter our "Friend Of The Hobby."

The Queen City Club was definitely an illegal. It opened in 1941, closed in 2009. Original proprietor was Minnie Howell.

In January 1952 the sheriff visited the QCC looking for evidence of gambling because Minnie's son Floyd had purchased a Federal gambling tax stamp in November 1951. Sheriff said he didn't find any, but the place supposedly had blackjack and crap tables in a back room.

My note: I think we have seen that before. The sheriff could not find gambling tables in a joint that had gambling tables. <g>

Minnie died in July 1952. Floyd incorporated the QCC in 1953 as a restaurant and cabaret business.

QCC chips were ordered in March 1955—8 months later the QCC was raided and these same chips might be the ones mentioned below:

5Nov1955:

<h2>State Raids Queen City</h2> <p>Agents of the North Dakota attorney general's office raided the Queen City Night Club at Dickinson Thursday night, confiscating a poker table and chips, three pinball machines and one bowler machine.</p> <p>A. T. Johnson, chief licensing inspector, said the poker table and chips were seized as gambling devices while the four amusement machines were taken for being unlicensed.</p> <p>Johnson said the club president is Floyd G. Howell of Dickinson.</p> <p>Atty. Gen. Leslie R. Bur- gum said Friday he is in touch with the Stark County state's attorney regarding further ac- tion in the matter.</p>
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QCC2att2

My note: The AG's agents must not have got the word (and maybe the payoff) about no gambling devises. <g>

Enter John Kallman. CCGTCC Liberian and a good source of information on North Dakota gambling.

Gene:


This is what I know, which in the case of this chip, is not a whole lot!

1. Dickinson's nickname is the Queen City.
2. The date of the order card is some 26 years before gaming was authorized for charity purposes.
3. There is only a 5c token known from this location.
4. I do NOT know if the currently Queen City Club that you reference is the SAME Queen City Club that used these chips.
5. Finally, I have never seen this puppy nor it's brothers and sisters.
6. The gaming table indicates the QCC chips, but in a T mold, were shipped to Robert Agnew c/o Charles Hotel, Dickinson, ND in 1949, so this may have been a re-order?

I will dig around more and see what anything I can find, but that is the short and skinny for now.

John

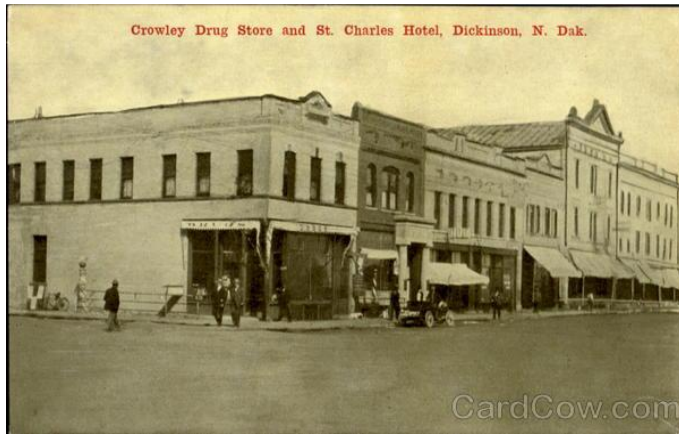
Taylor QCC record for T molds.

Name		Address		Town		State		Per		SPECIAL MONOGRAM			
Robert Agnew		40 St Charles Hotel		Dickinson		N.D.		T. Snijjs					
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped					
202	Lt Blue	QCC					Gold	6.30.49					
101	Pink	"	Beverly				Silver	6.30.49					
51	Choc	"					Gold	6.30.49					

QCC3att2

My note: Looks like Robert Agnew was living at the St Charles Hotel and was involved with the gambling at the Queen City Club.

The St Charles Hotel burned down 1 Feb 1950.



QCC4att2

Gene:

This is starting to get fun....

The Ray-Regan family owned the Ray Theater which was located next to the St Charles hotel, both of which were E. Villard Street (no address given), both of which burned down in 1950. The theater operated between 1911 and 1915 but could have reopened later. The address that you gave, which is also on E. Villard Street, could have been not that far away.

John

My note: The hunt for the history of our chips goes on.

Still looking for these 2 chips.



No, the Havana Club is not from Cuba. <g>

Cough them up if you have a trader. <g>