

Three from Oregon.

The OK Corral

Mitch Stephens

123 St NE

Lakeview, OR - 1963

ID from the Portland Card Company records.



Sepia Club

212 SW Alder St

Oregon City. OR

1940's

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Lake & Garden Club

Brothers Eddie & Chris O'Connor

1221 Washington St

Oregon City, OR

1940's

Brothers Eddie & Chris O'Connor. Eddie ran O'Connor's in Portland, OR until he died. Chris operated in Oregon City. His body was found before the other people connected moved on to KY. Chips found in KY estate sale along with Sepia, COC-BJE, B<>E- R

William "Bill" Thomas Speakes Jr and son William "Bill" Thomas Speakes III. Speakes Jr operated in Oregon until 1954 when he moved to KY and opened the Dona Gene Club. Info from FBI files



Below is info on a lot of chips that traveled from Oregon to Lexington KY over a 60 year period in both states. It is not all the info we have. These might be the most documented Oregon/Kentucky illegals in the hobby.

The info is credited to research by David Spragg, Info from 1940's FBI files, a "Special Friend of the hobby," and myself.

I know Billy Speakes and Ed Piper. Billy gave me some chips he was using in Lexington after 2000 when I attended the funeral of Seattle Slew. Yes I went to a horse's funeral!

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Sepia Club & associated operations

Summary of the chips. SEPIA - Sepia Club; BE - B(Speakes) E(Piper); BJE - B(ill Speakes) J(Briggs) E(Piper); COC + L&G (Chris O'Connor, Lake & Garden Club); WS – Wrangler Saloon. R is UFC.

The use of all the chips referred to revolves around four families of operators, active in OR and then KY between 1934 and the present day. The existence of these clubs and their chips has been proved by various arrest and investigation records I have been very fortunate to gain sight of.

The chips came from an estate sale, supposedly originating from a property on Versailles Road, between Lexington & Frankfort, KY, and their usage researched and documented below. Subsequent research discovered they were originally supplied to establishments in Oregon, and the information (from a completely independent source) which I have now obtained, links these people to operations in both states.

Edwin "Ed" Piper and son Edwin "Ed" Piper Jr. Piper senior operated in Oregon until approx 1954 when he moved to KY. Piper Jr is still operating in KY today, working with Speakes and Briggs below.

William "Bill" Thomas Speakes Jr and son William "Bill" Thomas Speakes III. Speakes Jr operated in Oregon until 1954 when he moved to KY and opened the Dona Gene Club.

Brothers Eddie & Chris O'Connor. Eddie ran O'Connor's in Portland, OR until he died. Chris operated in Oregon City. His body was found before the other people connected moved on to KY.

Robert John Briggs and son Jack Briggs. Robert operated in Oregon City. Jack operated in Newport, OR until the 1980's, when he moved to KY to team up with Piper Jr and Speakes Jr once more.

Apart from the SqinCirc chips, the others date from early 1940's to mid 1950's. The WS chip was delivered to Jack Briggs, Wrangler Saloon, Newport OR per manufacturers records. As these operators ran moving games, there is no reason why the monogrammed chips would not have been used at all their locations. I have not been able to pinpoint why the 'R' chips exist but have included them as they were part of the find.

#### Oregon locations

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Lake & Garden Club, 1221 Washington St, Oregon City (Chris O'Connor)

#### Kentucky locations

314 Versailles Rd, Frankfort. No premises name, but other searches show it has been Monkey's Uncle, Tropic Café and now a Mexican restaurant. Aerial photography shows it is a big plot with newer looking building so whatever was there is probably long gone.

"City Club" (of Lexington), on South Limestone, owned by Speaks and Piper, later sold to Lloyd Gentry.

Piper was charged in 2005 for operating a gambling place at 1301 Winchester Rd. in Lexington (poker and blackjack tables were confiscated).

Piper also involved with the creation, in 1987, of Players Club of Lexington, a membership golf course with illegal gaming.

There are other very recent existing monogrammed BPS chips (Briggs, Piper, Speaks) which came direct from the operators in Lexington, KY.

Thanks also to DS, Jim Linduff and Gene Trimble for helping with the KY elements of the research.

From Bud Meyer- PCC Records

GENE WS WRANGLER SALOON 332 SW COAST HWY 101 NEWPORT, OR.97365 JACK BRIGGS 265-2226  
TOWN HOUSE 265-5151 1-30-81 FIRST ORDER. DURING 1981 4600 CHIP ORDERED \$1.00 IN RED

AND LAV. \$5.00 WHITE AND ORANGE \$25.00 YELLOW W/4  
GREEN INSERTS AND BLACK NO ISERTS