

On 8/26/10 I posted a lot of research on the WMK chip. Larry Hollibaugh and I spent a lot of time at the Reno library searching the criss cross directories. Dennis at TR King sent me this info from the record card back in 1998-99..

William Kriter, 315 No 2nd St, Reno, NV, 1954

You can read that research at this link.

<http://www.thechipboard.com/archives/archives.pl/bid/320/page/19/md/read/id/1048201/sbj/illegal-of-the-day-nevada/>

Basically we found zilch! \*vbg\* Mainly because I had bad info from TRK. 315 No 2nd St was actually in Las Vegas not Reno. A chip ID request posted on the BB 3/7/15 started the team on another research project.

Another search of the actual info on the TR King record gave Ed Hertel and our "Friend Of The Hobby" the ammo needed.



Dennis must have made a typo. The \$1's were delivered to Las Vegas, not Reno.

800- \$5's & 200-\$25's to Express Office, Reno in 1952

1,000-\$1's to 315 No 2nd, LV in 1954

Both orders to William Kriter.

Ed Hertel found this:

From "Nevada State Journal", May 8, 1951. Percentage interest in the Frontier Club.

Kriter's name is in third column.

# GAME PERMITS APPROVED BY STATE AGENCY

## Tax Commission Acts On Big Number Of Requests

CARSON CITY, May 7. (UP) — The Nevada tax commission today approved the following gambling license applications:

Nick Sahati, Evelyn Barrett and Charles P. O'Keefe as the Sierra Investment Co., for bingo game and slot machines, Reno.

Leslie G. Furst, Night Cap bar, Gerlach.

Edwin H. Giraty, Eddie's Recreation Room, Reno.

Harold L. Walter, interest, Town House games, Reno.

Ray Nelson, Harold L. Walter and Mark L. Yori, Lawton Springs, near Reno.

Mel Wilder and Harry Short, Villa Sierra, near Reno.

Echo Leonetti and Lorraine and Philip Kinzel, Ecko's Place, near Reno.

Fred F. Newmann, slot machines, Reno.

### Picadilly Club

Joseph D. McAulay, interest in Picadilly Club games, Reno.

Miles Peterson, interest in Crystal Bar games, Sparks.

Frank Shubert, interest in Capooch Club, Gerlach.

Clifford Kehl and Walter Parman, P. and K. Amusement Co., slot machines, Reno.

Walter Parman, interest in Johnny's Open Door, near Reno.

Vernon W. Lawrence, TaNevaHo race book, Lake Tahoe.

Brownie Paretti, Benny Petronzi and J. T. Coffee Jr., Mesa games, near Reno.

Clifford N. Wilson, Crystal Bay Bar, Lake Tahoe.

Raymond and Gloria Dutcher and Charles Lindstrom, West Indies, near Reno.

### Deerhead Lodge

George Richter, Deerhead Lodge, near Reno.

The commission granted the following southern Nevada applications:

William Krieter, percentage interest in the Frontier Club, Las Vegas; Willie Robertson, percentage interest, Brown Derby, Las Vegas; Frank Weiss, license Frontier Club sports pool, Las Vegas; Lawrence L. Brown, Douglas M. Hoops and Frank McCormick, Green Shack, Las Vegas; Samuel Lichter, Pioneer Sports Service, Las Vegas; Lafayette B. Bair, Twin Gables Games, Las Vegas; Sam Belkin, percentage interest, Club Bingo, Las Vegas.

Ray Wherrit and Charles Hancock, Southern Nevada Vending

Co., Las Vegas; Oscar L. Crozier, El Morocco Club, Las Vegas; C. J. Kohner, slot machines, Las Vegas; James R. Kellum, Leonard Pelland and C. Simonsen, Victory Club games, Pittman; John Lester Duncan and Walter H. Wrede, Johnny Duncan's Whitney Bar, Las Vegas; Tredwell E. Nave, Silver Slipper race book, Las Vegas; Charles H. and Herman H. Mehr, Rhem Service, action deferred; Ray Barger, Satin Shoe, Pittman, action deferred.

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Reno Evening Gazette 1952 license for Circus Room, Lake Tahoe.

# 14 Licenses Get OK, Four Denied By Commission

## Las Vegas Applicant Is Described As Hoodlum

By UNITED PRESS

Gambling license action taken by the Nevada Tax Commission in Carson City yesterday included the following:

### Granted:

Ned S. Christensen, A-1 Club, Wendover.

Jack Rosenfeld and Joseph Deutsch, Coin Craft Corp., Las Vegas.

Joseph DiGrazia, Capital Bar, Wells.

Leroy R. Lahman, Cosmo Club, Wells.

Milton A. Corbell, Caps Club, Hawthorne.

Jens H. Jensen and Max M Sperlich, City Club games, Carlin.

Russell G. Lewis, El Dorado Arcade, Las Vegas.

Albert P. Hale, Fortune Club pan game, Las Vegas.

Walter States, E. D. Hamilton, slot machine operator, Reno (half interest in three slot machines at Moana Bar).

Walter A. Kerr, 70 per cent interest in Johnnies Open Door games, Reno.

Harlan A. Holferty, Jack Pot games, Elko.

Robert McMullen, Mite As Well, Carson City.

William Krieter, 50 per cent interest, 7th One, Pittman.

Frank Sinatra, two per cent interest, Sands Hotel, Las Vegas.

### Denied:

William Cooper, Monte Carlo Club, Ely.

Daniel D. Farkas, William M. and Viola Ramsey, Richford Hotel games, Gardnerville.

Henry Rubino and Al Delet, 7-11 Club, Las Vegas.

William H. Harbison, Belmont Book, Las Vegas.

Rubino was described in a report to the commissioners as a Los Angeles hoodlum who at one time sought to collect a \$50,000 "Mickey Cohen" welfare fund.

The commissioners, after listening to Rubino's background, voted to deny the license application for the 7-11 Club even before Delet's past activities were reviewed by investigators.

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Friend:

Saw the thread on TheChipBoard.

The delivery address to William Kriter—315 North Second—is in Las Vegas not Reno (apparently Kriter’s residential address).

1954 Las Vegas directory:

Kriter Wm (Myrtle F) boxmn Calif Club  
h 315 N 2d Apt 7.....4589-W WMK4

(Myrtle F.) = Myrtle Florence, his wife.

1957 Las Vegas directory:

Kriter Wm (Myrtle) boxmn Showboat Hotel  
h 315 N 2d Apt 7.....DU 2-3895 WMK5

Not sure what he was doing with the chips. He seems to have been involved with a lot of places over the years, including some illegals in California.

In October 1953 he took over management of the 7th One Club in Pittman (Henderson), NV but appears to have relinquished that role in Dec 1953, before the chip order in 1954. The 1954 city directory says he was a boxman at the California Club.

October 1953:

William (Bill) Kriter, who is well known by old timers in our town, will be the new casino manager when the 7th One reopens, complete with show on Thursday, Oct. 22. Bill tells me that the 7th One plans on presenting luscious steaks and chicken dinners at reasonable prices. WMK6

pic from 1964 while bingo manager at the El Dorado (his wife Myrtle was a bingo cashier at the El Dorado at the time):



**THIS \$3000 WILL GO** for a worthy cause. Mrs. Ruth Weaver of 210 Atlantic won \$3000, plus at the Eldorado Culb Tuesday and is shown here accepting the award from Bill Kriter, bingo manager. The money will be used for surgery of her six-months old grand-daughter, Susan.

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Kriter died in Las Vegas in 1973 (born St Louis 1901).

My note: We have Kriter tracked to working in NV casinos from 1951-1964. Chips delivered in 1952 and 54. Could he have used them in a NV casino?

Input from David Spragg:

"To me that looks like he had a concession for a Pan game in Tahoe and then another for a Big 6 wheel in Vegas".

I tend to agree with David. Back in those years, Pan, Big 6, Faro, and poker were leased out in many casinos. Kriter was licensed in several casinos. In many cases where games were leased out, the chips used did have the persons initials on them, so it is not unusual at all. The WMK chips could have been used in a casino but at this time, I see no way to prove it.

I am including the following on Kriter. Everything below is before the WMK chips were made.

Kriter and Illegal activity in CA.

Don't have much about Kriter's activities in California. Appears to have moved from East St. Louis to Los Angeles in the late 1930's. In 1940 he's in San Francisco residing at the New Continental Hotel and is employed as a "crap dealer" although I don't know where. He's back in LA in the early 1940's. In 1947 he's arrested in Camarillo, north of Los Angeles, for operating an illegal crap game. He was said to have been "of Las Vegas" at the time he was arrested. (when arrested police searched his car and found a gun).

Arrested with him at Camarillo was a guy from nearby Oxnard named Charlie King. In 1946 King was reported to have had an interest in Tony Cornero's gambling ship Lux; in 1949 King was indicted and convicted of attempted bribery when he tried to buy protection for gambling and prostitution operations in Oxnard.

That's all I found on Kriter's gambling activities in California. The fact that in 1947 he was living in Las Vegas and going back to California and operating illegally suggests the possibility that he "MAY" have been doing the same thing when the WMK chips were ordered in the 1952 and 1954.

Kriter had the first WMK chip order sent to Reno in 1952 and that year Kriter shows up a couple of times in reports of the gambling licensing activities of the Nevada Tax Commission:

My note: Well, no doubt we have found William Kriter.

Now, what the heck was he doing with those WMK chips? \*vbg\*