

# No Cash Value (NCV), Non Negotiable (NG), Match Play (MP) and Non Denominational (ND) chips of the Dutch Caribbean

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It is always a challenge to collect chips from casinos. The easy way is to go to the tables and buy them. The more difficult way of collecting them is from obsolete casinos while sometimes finding No Cash Value, Non Negotiable, Match Play and Non Denominational chips are even harder to find! You would ask why? Well, these NCV; NNG; MP; and ND chips are usually made for promotions for a brief period of time. After their useful 'time limit' has expired, the casinos usually throw these items away or the tourists keep them as souvenirs. In either case, they are difficult to obtain. The following chips represent almost all of the known types of chips from the Dutch Caribbean. These areas include Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten & Suriname.

In Aruba the Alhambra Casino had a bright orange ND Hat & Cane bright orange chip for only a few weeks and these have by now been destroyed.

The defunct Americana Casino issued a \$5.00 NNG chip in the late 1970's with the H.C. Edwards mold. This regal, red hot stamped chip is, in my opinion, the classiest chip of this kind! I was lucky to have purchased this chip a few years ago. I have not seen another since.



AUA – AME – 5 HCE.1

In the late 1990's, the Americana Casino issued generic Bud Jones Plastic chips of NCV. They were used as promotional chips to be played on the tables.



AUA – ALH – NCV H&C



AUA- AME – BJ.1



AUA – AME – 5 BJ.1



AUA – AME – 5 BJ.2

In 2000, the Casablanca Casino in the Wyndham Hotel (the former Concorde Casino), issued their first and only \$25.00 Match Play, green Hat & Cane chip. It was used for about one year, then discarded. The

reason for this decision, as it was explained to me, was the extra work needed for accountability. It is not an attractive chip, yet it is a desirable collectable one due its gold hot stamp and the name 'Casablanca Casino'.



AUA – CAS – 25 H&C. 3

The Concorde Casino in the late 1970's or early 1980's had \$1.00 and \$25.00 NCV chips. I have not seen a \$5.00 one, but I am sure it probably exists. If someone has one I would appreciate a photo of it.



AUA – CON – 1 H&C.3



AUA – CON – 25 H&C.2

The Hilton Casino in the Wyndham Hotel was short lived. It existed from 1993 –1995. The only Hat & Cane chip that was attributable to the Hilton Casino was a ND hot orange chip.



AUA – HIL – H&C.1

The King International Casino had a bright red colored '5' Hat & Cane NCV chip. Another interesting chip was the '100' chip with a gold hot stamped capital "K". I am not sure about the actual use of this chip, but it is included in this series of items. If any one actually used this chip in the King International Casino, I would be happy to hear from you.



AUA – KIN – 5 H&C.3



AUA – KIN – 100 H&C.5

The Palace Casino, in the former Americana Casino, had NCV chips in 50 cents, One Dollar and Five Dollar denominations with the Unicorn mold. These chips were used in the early 1990's in their Live Poker Room. I remember playing seven card Stud Poker at these tables and picking up these chips. As of March 8th, 2003, the \$5.00 NCV chip is

now being used as a Match Play chip in the NEW Occidental Casino which was the former Allegro Casino.



AUA – PAL - .50 UNI.1



AUA – PAL – 1 UNI.1



AUA – PAL – 5 UNI.1

The Seaport Casino issued only one NNG chip with the large center inlay Hat & Cane chip. This colorful chip was available for only a few months and then disappeared! The remainder of the chips were probably destroyed.



AUA – SEA – 5 H&C.2

In Curacao, the Curacao Hilton Casino issued 2 varieties of No Cash Out Value chips in \$5.00 and \$25.00 valuations. Interestingly, the red \$5.00 chip has a gold hot stamp with the words 'Hilton Casino' in the white center inlay while the \$25.00 chip has the eight point logo in the center inlay. Both chips have the shiny Hat & Cane Christy & Jones mold.



CUR – HIL – 5 C&J.2



CUR – HIL – 25 C&J.2

In St. Maarten, the Grand Casino issued some very interesting MP chips which were valid on certain days. The ones I have in my collection can be played on Sunday' or 'Monday'.



STM – GRA – 5 BJ.2



STM – GRA – 5 BJ.5



STM – GRA – 5 BJ.3

In the Lightning Casino in St. Maarten, they had a \$5.00 MP Dice & Cards mold chip. They also had \$5.00 NCV chip made by Chipco. It has a green edge like a \$25.00 chip, yet it has a paper front and back.



STM – LIG – 5 DIC.1



STM – LIG – 5 CPO.2

The Pelican Casino had two MP chips with on color variations. The chip on the left is yellow while the right chip is purple.



STM – PEL – 5 BJ.1



STM – PEL – 5 BJ.2

I hope that the descriptions of the above chips shed some light and spur some interest in collecting these Belusive chips.

The reference codes used to describe the Country or Island, the casino, denominations and the various mold designs is fully described as 'Pollack's Reference Code' (PRC) in my 2001 edition book the "Casinos of Aruba, Bonaire, Curacao, St. Maarten and Suriname, The Dutch Caribbean".