

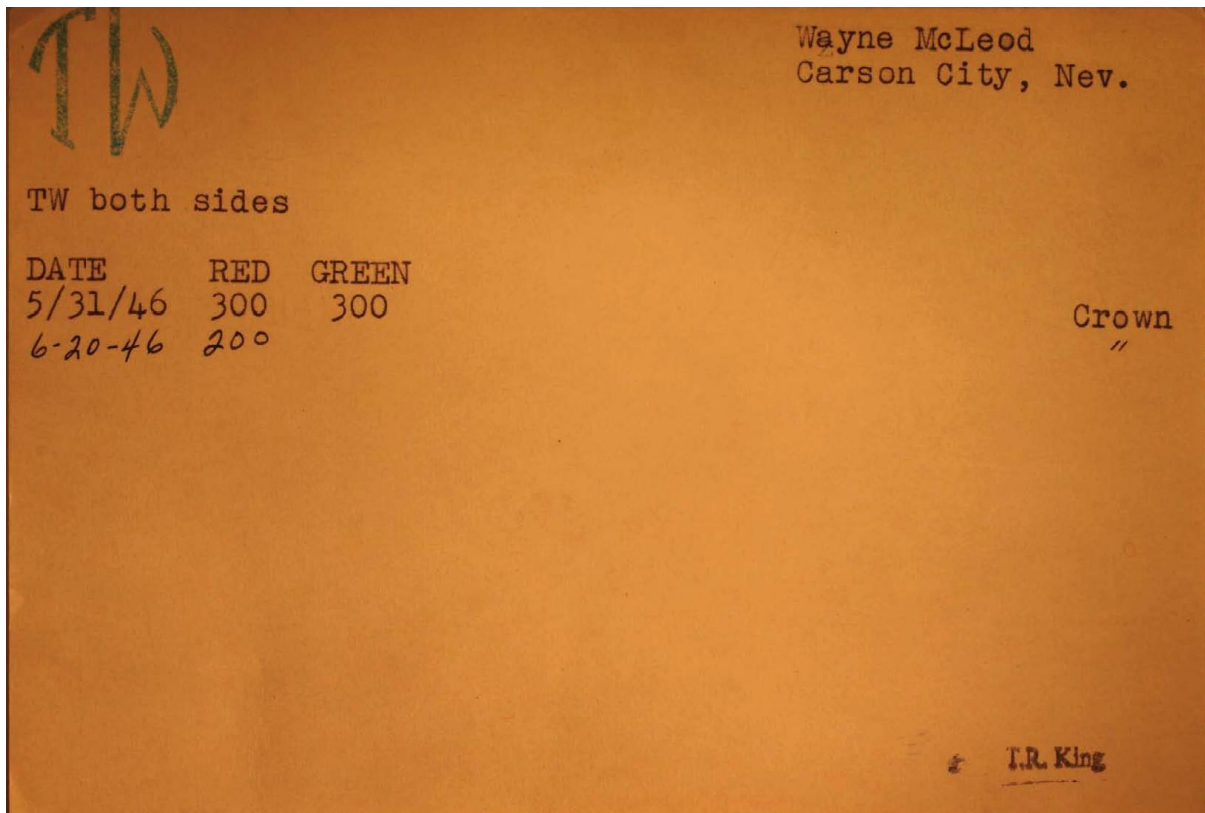


10 of the TW Large Crown chips were found way back around 20 years ago. Now the TR King record has been found, thanks largely to a friend of the hobby, we were able to research this fully.

Twin States Club

East Side Hwy 50, Stateline, Lake Tahoe. Per Harvey Fuller this place was licenced properly for 6 weeks only in 1947. Real interesting story below though, so read down!!

This is a new find Nevada chip, the first recorded from this casino.



The only Wayne McLeod in Carson City that I can find was the sitting Nevada Surveyor General in 1946.

He held that office from 1938-1950. He was active in fraternal organizations and was president of the Carson City Eagles Aerie #1006 in 1946. McLeod was involved with a place called the Twins States Club.


He ran for re-election in 1946:

**RE-ELECT
WAYNE
"Red"
MCLEOD**

Democrat

**SURVEYOR
GENERAL**

'AN ENGINEER
FOR AN
ENGINEER'S JOB'



Eight years ago you elected Wayne (Red) McLeod your surveyor general, and put into office a man with the engineering background, the all around know-how, to do the job. His stewardship of the office has been outstanding.

Born in Virginia City, a genuine Nevadan and a real engineer.

Twin States

The earliest reference to the place I came across was this classified ad from Dec.19, 1946:

RESTAURANT or hotel man, have choice location for hotel, restaurant or motel, adjoining Twin States Casino on Lake Tahoe highway, 50 ft. Nevada side of state line, 700 feet from Calif.-Nevada state line. Contact Sal Terrano, State Line, Lake Tahoe, Nevada.

So the place definitely existed in 1946—whether or not it was ever open for business in 1946 is an open question.

Also saw an article from 1949 which said the "club was built in 1946." The Sal Terrano mentioned in the ad is the only name other than McLeod's that I saw associated with Twin States. In the brief existence of the club, Terrano was described as the "operator" and "manager" of the place. The club's 1947 gambling license appears to have been in his name.

A month after the classified ad is this article (dateline Carson--Jan.14, 1947):

McLeod Named Board Member

CARSON, Jan. 14.—Wayne McLeod was named to the board of directors of the Douglas county chamber of commerce at a recent meeting. He will fill the unexpired term of Denny Wood, former operator of Tahoe Village.

Mr. McLeod is one of the builders and operators of the Twin States club, near the Nevada-California state line, in the Lake Tahoe area. The Douglas county chamber reserves one of its directorships for the Lake Tahoe region of the county.

McLeod's family moved to Reno when he was a kid. In the mid 1930's his father Henry McLeod was the bookkeeper for a popular Reno night club called "The Tavern." Sal Terrano was a dealer in the gambling room there. Terrano appears to have been a well known figure in Reno during the 1930's. Wayne McLeod was an engineer with the highway department until 1938 when he was elected Nevada Surveyor General and moved to Carson City (he moved back to Reno after his 3rd term expired in 1950).

In 1938, while an employee of "The Tavern," Terrano was arrested outside of Reno when police found a considerable amount of opium in his car. He said he was innocent but was found guilty and incarcerated for several years. Not sure exactly how Terrano and McLeod hooked-up on the Twin States other than they must have been acquainted from their time in Reno.

The Twin States was definitely open for business in 1947 (the record you sent says it received a gambling permit in May 1947).

The following season the Nevada Tax Commission issued a probationary gaming license to Terrano for the Twin States in May 1948.

However, the Douglas County licensing board refused to give Terrano a gambling license. The Douglas County Sheriff, one of the members of the licensing board, said that the Twin States Club was "not the type wanted in Douglas County."

In Jan.-Feb.1949 the Twin States was sold, given a gambling license and renamed Tahoe Colonial Club.

Terrano moved back to his hometown of San Francisco where he operated Twin States Novelty Company. In May 1952 he plead guilty to a narcotics charge, was sent to Leavenworth and died a few months later.

pic of Twin States:



pic after it became Tahoe Colonial Club:



In 1956 Tahoe Colonial Club became Tahoe Palace. In 1959 it was renamed Tahoe Plaza.
pic from late 1950's during renovation of the property; the roof of the original structure can be seen behind the new facade.:



aerial view looking north from late 1950's; arrow pointing to site:





pic from Al Moe's *Roots of Reno* described as the "Cal-Neva crew 1942." Sal Terrano is seated far front right:

