

Collecting Clubs

I don't hear a lot about clubs anymore. I get the impression that the popularity of this category has fallen by the wayside, no doubt lying forlornly beside the likes of Holiday Inns, Fancies, and other great categories of yesteryear. But, some few, at least, still collect Clubs, and the covers are certainly still out there, and in great numbers!

Clubs is a fairly big category. It includes most types of clubs, but there are some notable exceptions. Tennis clubs, yacht clubs, athletic clubs, health clubs, swimming clubs, 4-H clubs, sports clubs, builders clubs, key clubs, Boys & Girls clubs, *are* included. *Not* included are Country Clubs (an entirely separate category) and items such as supper clubs, dinner clubs, night clubs, and so forth where the word 'club' does not actually denote a club.

Clubs is a category that cuts across all types and sizes of covers and boxes, so you'll find them in just about every shape, size, and conjunctive the hobby has to offer—10s, 20s, 30s, 40s, Jewels, Jewelites. I'm sure there are Midgets to be had, as well. I can't guarantee any Perfect 36s, though. Fancies? Oh my!—Uniglos, Satins, Cameos, Matchoramas, Foilites, and more. And, don't forget all those boxes! Oldies? There are at least 111 DQ *Clubs* currently listed, at least 9 Lion Safety Firsts, at least 29 Crowns, and so on.

They're all there, and as things are going now, you can scoop them up cheap! Of course, most of what you're going to find is front-strikers, and that only *adds* to the attraction.

The late Andy Anderson, MO, reported having 4,819 Club covers in his collection, and that was in July 1996.

