

## Sea Horses!

Now, here's a category few could say 'nay' to! Sea Horses! You'd be surprised to learn just how prolific the little critters are on matchcovers. I know of a number of collectors who have adopted this category...the late Warren Marshall was one (I'm always safe in naming Warren; he collected everything at one time or another!).

Where can you catch this wave of collecting interest? For starters, you could sort through your seafood restaurants; that's their most common habitat. Although, various rogue sea horses are liable to be found just about anywhere.

They really do make an attractive collection. They come in every imaginable shape, size, and color, and the covers, themselves, run the gamut of what's out there: Uniglos, Foilites, Midgets, Giants, Embossed, and everything else you can think of. I've run across some especially nice ones on the old Lion 30-STICK covers.

What's a large collection? What's a small collection? How many such covers are available? Who knows? Not surprisingly, there's no listing, but the largest collection I ever heard of was Chester Crill's. Chester, CA, had 171 as of 1995. I imagine he has considerably more by this point.

In any event, you could give Chester a run for his money as the world's greatest Sea Horse matchcover collector. Just begin by asking your regular traders for any they might have to trade...and they'll start pouring in.

Good luck!

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