We claim:

1. A gaming table comprising:

a table top having a top and a bottom surface, the top surface being configured to receive gaming accessories, the top surface having a recess;

a base connected to and configured to support the table top; and

a table top exchangeable insert configured to be supported within the recess, the table top exchangeable insert including a securing structure, for releasably securing the table top exchangeable insert to the table top.

2. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top includes a corresponding securing structure for cooperating with the securing structure of the table top exchangeable insert to releasably secure the table top exchangeable insert to the table top.

3. A gaming table as recited in claim 2, wherein the securing structure of one of the table top exchangeable insert or the table top is a tongue and wherein the corresponding securing structure of the other one of the table top exchangeable insert or the table top is a groove.

4. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, further comprising a lock mounted on at least one of the table top or the table top exchangeable insert to lockably secure the table top exchangeable insert within the recess.

5. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the recess is defined by the top surface of the table top and includes at least one support within the recess to support the table top exchangeable insert within the recess.

6. A gaming table as recited in claim 5, wherein a top surface of the table top exchangeable insert is substantially coplanar with the top surface of the table top when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess.

7. A gaming table as recited in claim 6, wherein the depth of the recess is the same as a thickness of the table top exchangeable insert.

8. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top exchangeable insert defines an arcuate perimeter portion and a substantially collinear perimeter portion.

9. A gaming table as recited in claim 8, wherein the arcuate perimeter portion and the substantially collinear perimeter portion generally define a half circle.

10. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the recess is sized and positioned such that removal of the table top exchangeable insert from the recess does not necessitate removal of any of the gaming accessories received within the top surface of the table top.

11. A gaming table as recited in claim 10, further comprising at least one sensor located within the recess of the table top, supported by the table top and located at least partially beneath the table top exchangeable insert when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess, the sensor configured to communicate with at least one of the gaming accessories.

12. A gaming table as recited in claim 11, wherein the table top exchangeable insert defines at least one aperture sized to correspond to the at least one sensor such that each of the at least one aperture is configured to fit over a corresponding at least one sensor located within the recess of the table top when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess.

13. A gaming table as recited in claim 12, wherein each of the at least apertures comprises a chamfered portion to allow the sensor to pass at least partially through the corresponding aperture without contact.

14. A gaming table as recited in claim 12, wherein at least a portion of the table top exchangeable insert proximate the at least one sensor is painted with a pre-formulated paint, wherein the paint is adapted to at least one of protect the at least one sensor against electromagnetic or RF interferences, limit a reading field without closing a loop around the at least one sensor, or prevent detuning of the at least one sensor.

15. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top exchangeable insert comprises a playing area.

16. A gaming table as recited in claim 15, wherein the playing area comprises an outer layer of playing felt and an underlay of padding.

17. A gaming table as recited in claim 15, wherein the playing area of the table top exchangeable insert comprises indicia specific to a game utilized in a gaming location, and wherein the table top is devoid of any indicia specific to the game.

18. A gaming table as recited in claim 17, wherein the an indicia of the table top exchangeable insert is aligned with a corresponding at least one sensor located within the top surface of the table top when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess.

19. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the sensor comprises an antenna.

20. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top exchangeable insert includes at least one air chamber.

21. A gaming table as recited in claim 20, wherein the air chamber of the table top exchangeable insert is configured to mate with an air chamber fluidly coupled to a fan when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess.

22. A gaming table as recited in claim 20, wherein the air chamber defines at least one aperture to produce an airflow from an upper surface of the table top exchangeable insert.

23. A gaming table as recited in claim 22, wherein the airflow through the defined at least one aperture is selectively modifiable.

We claim:

1. A gaming table comprising:

a table top having a top and a bottom surface, the top surface being configured to receive gaming accessories, the top surface having a recess;

a base connected to and configured to support the table top; and

a table top exchangeable insert configured to be supported within the recess, the table top exchangeable insert including a securing structure, for releasably securing the table top exchangeable insert to the table top when the table top exchangeable insert is supported within the recess.

2. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top includes a corresponding securing structure for cooperating with the securing structure of the table top exchangeable insert to releasably secure the table top exchangeable insert to the table top.

3. A gaming table as recited in claim 2, wherein the securing structure of one of the table top exchangeable insert or the table top is a tongue and wherein the corresponding securing structure of the other one of the table top exchangeable insert or the table top is a groove.

4. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, further comprising a lock mounted on at least one of the table top or the table top exchangeable insert to lockably secure the table top exchangeable insert within the recess.

5. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the recess is defined by the top surface of the table top and includes at least one support within the recess to support the table top exchangeable insert within the recess.

6. A gaming table as recited in claim 5, wherein a top surface of the table top exchangeable insert is substantially coplanar with the top surface of the table top when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess.

7. A gaming table as recited in claim 6, wherein the depth of the recess is the same as a thickness of the table top exchangeable insert.

8. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top exchangeable insert defines an arcuate perimeter portion and a substantially collinear perimeter portion.

9. A gaming table as recited in claim 8, wherein the arcuate perimeter portion and the substantially collinear perimeter portion generally define a half circle.

10. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the recess is sized and positioned such that removal of the table top exchangeable insert from the recess does not necessitate removal of any of the gaming accessories received within the top surface of the table top.

11. A gaming table as recited in claim 10, further comprising at least one sensor located within the recess of the table top, supported by the table top and located at least partially beneath the table top exchangeable insert when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess, the sensor configured to communicate with at least one of the gaming accessories.

12. A gaming table as recited in claim 11, wherein the table top exchangeable insert defines at least one aperture sized to correspond to the at least one sensor such that each of the at least one aperture is configured to fit over a corresponding at least one sensor located within the recess of the table top when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess.

13. A gaming table as recited in claim 12, wherein each of the at least one aperture comprises a chamfered portion to allow the sensor to pass at least partially through the corresponding aperture without contact.

14. A gaming table as recited in claim 12, wherein at least a portion of the table top exchangeable insert proximate the at least one sensor is painted with a pre-formulated paint, wherein the paint is adapted to at least one of protect the at least one sensor against electromagnetic or radiofrequency interferences, limit a reading field of the at least one sensor without closing a loop around the at least one sensor, or prevent detuning of the at least one sensor.

15. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top exchangeable insert comprises a playing area.

16. A gaming table as recited in claim 15, wherein the playing area comprises an outer layer of playing felt and an underlay of padding.

17. A gaming table as recited in claim 15, wherein the playing area of the table top exchangeable insert comprises indicia specific to a game utilized in a gaming location, and wherein the table top is devoid of any indicia specific to the game.

18. A gaming table as recited in claim 17, wherein the an indicia of the table top exchangeable insert is aligned with a corresponding at least one sensor located within the top surface of the table top when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess.

19. A gaming table as recited in claim 18, wherein the sensor comprises an antenna.

20. A gaming table as recited in claim 1, wherein the table top exchangeable insert

includes at least one air chamber.

21. A gaming table as recited in claim 20, wherein the air chamber of the table top exchangeable insert is configured to mate with an air chamber fluidly coupled to a fan when the table top exchangeable insert is located within the recess.

22. A gaming table as recited in claim 20, wherein the air chamber defines at least one aperture to produce an airflow from an upper surface of the table top exchangeable insert.

23. A gaming table as recited in claim 22, wherein the airflow through the defined at least one aperture is selectively modifiable.