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Doug Smith
President

President's Letter

My Final Letter

I am saddened to realize this will be my final Presidents letter for our magazine.

The past 10 years on the club board has been an amazing experience. Some great and some not so great, but always an adventure and experience for a lifetime of memories,

With this, our 25th anniversary, convention being my last as President, it will be an especially memorable one for me and one that you won't want to miss. Please look for our convention chairs article in this issue to tell you all the details of the exciting convention they have planned for all of us.

While I will be stepping down from the BOD, I plan to continue the tradition of convention raffle chair. I am happy to once again lead this important fundraiser. This years Raffle has another huge prize pool containing over \$5,000 in awesome prizes. There are \$500 in South Point Gift Cards, Show Tickets, A Dash Cam and Tablet, Thousands of chips, tokens, slot cards, room keys, card decks, and way too much stuff to list. Please stop by the raffle table and for your chance to win your share of the bounty !!

The raffle is a very important fundraiser for our club and we can really use your support.

Please note that this issue contains a proposed amendment to our constitution to add a new Life Associate member category. This amendment will allow Life Members to add their associates for life and saves both the club and our members time and money.

In closing I want to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have made my time on the board so enjoyable.

To my fellow BOD members both past and present, I can't thank you enough.

To our Committee chairs, our Convention Volunteers, our convention attendees, our convention dealers, and last but not least our entire membership, a sincere THANK YOU.

It is those people in the club that makes this organization special and I truly believe that.

Doug "Cigarman" Smith

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Proud President of the CC>CC

*Thank you Doug
for a job well
done.*

*The Members of
CC>CC*



Editor's Note

Robb McPherson
Editor

Welcome to our summer issue which is considered the convention issue with all the up to date information you need for our milestone 25th Annual Convention. I will be attending the convention this year as will Steve Miller. We are looking forward to meeting and hearing from all our members on any comments or ideas for your magazine.

I was pleased that we were able to fill the complete 80 pages with lots of member content this issue. We need to keep this trend going so please keep sending articles in to Steve and I.

I hope to see everyone out at the convention, enjoy your lastest issue.

Robb McPherson - R8583

New Members

Last	First	State	City	Ref.	Pre	Memb #
Bonang	Jim	IL	Bolling Brook	Bob Denbow	R	8858
Gobel	Steven	NV	Las Vegas	Former member	R	8857
Ricks	Christine	CA	Menlo Park	Club Web Site	R	8856
Pitcock	Len	AR	Hot Springs	Club Web Site	R	8855
Crespo	Joseph	FL	Tampa	Mark Lighterman	R	8854
Campbell	Jon	WA	East Wenatchee	Former member	R	8853
Hanson	Tom	WA	Issaquah	former member	R	8852
Brinton	Robert	CO	Arvada	Former Member	R	8851
Sanderson	Russell	CO	Colorado Springs	Former Member	R	8850
Rivera	Hector	TX	San Antonio	Douglas Smith	R	8849
Torres	Luis	TX	San Antonio	Douglas Smtih	R	8848
Sorensen	Paul	IL	Round Lake Beach	Douglas Smith	R	8847
Wilson	Tom	IL	Lake Forest	Club Web Site	R	8846
Krauss	Christopher	MO	East Prairie	Former Member	R	8845
Towers	Richard	CA	Elk Grove	Doug Smith	R	8844
Berry	George	AZ	Scottsdale	Doug Smith	R	8843
Storks	Robert	FL	Bonita Springs	Former Member	R	8842
Schambeau Jr.	Joel	AL	Foley	Sheldon Smith	R	8841
Jeziro	Andrew	VA	McGaheysville	Doug Smith	R	8840
Manos	Greg	ID	Chubbuck	Club Web Site	R	8839
Avery	Robert	TX	Cypress	Doug Smith	R	8838
Koehl	Robert	TX	Houston	Doug Smith	R	8837
Ciccone	Joseph	PA	Sharon	Club Web Site	R	8836
Simon	Gary	FL	Lecanto	Club Web Site	R	8835

If you are a new member & you don't see your name listed, it's because you did not chose the "Publish" option.

Meet the Editor

**Stop by the Club table on Friday June 23
between 9 to 11 AM to talk to the Editors of
Casino Collectible News**

Come discuss your magazine! Let us know what you think. As a member you can offer info on a casino, person, history, or something else you are interested in. Come provide an article for future issues, or start a collaboration with us.

See you at South Point
Steve Miller, Robb McPherson

Local Casino Collectibles Clubs

Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club; <http://gaming-chips.com/>; Charles Kaplan, 11 Calais Court, Rockville Centre, NY 11570; 5 meetings a year on Sunday's in AC; \$10.00 annual dues. **Next meetings are 3/12/17, 5/7/17.**

Chicagoland Casino Collectibles Club; ikcarkop@comcast.net; Riverboat Rick Pokracki; various locations in the tri-state area.

Colorado Casino Collectibles Club; Ken Hallenbeck, treasurer, 711N Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80903-1007. kenhallenbeck@comcast.net. Meetings Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, and Nov. on the third Sunday of the month, 11 AM to 3 PM at the American Legion Post 21, 500 9th St. Golden, CO 80401

Dallas Chip Club; txbel711@aol.com; Belinda Hixon; various contact for next meeting

Florida Casino Chip & Token Collectors Club; Jerry Leonardo [561-445-4007](tel:561-445-4007) 6646 110th Place Sebastian FL 32958: jerryleonardo@bellsouth.net. Quarterly meetings at various locations Membership \$10.00 Yr

Houston Chip Club; Houston Chip Club on Facebook; Frank Chalfant; 1st Wednesday of the month starting at 7 PM

Michigan Chip Club; albertscalzo@gmail.com; Al Scalzo; 7229 Flamingo St. Clay, MI 48001; Elks Lodge #810, 2100 Scott Lake Rd. Waterford MI

Nor-Cal-Nev Casino Collectibles Club; Todd Dingley, sandpointe@sbcglobal.net, 6 Sandpointe CT. Sacramento, CA 95831. Contact us about our next Get-together! **Next meeting is 4/1/17.**

NY Metro Chip Club; qualpete@aol.com; Pete Volberg, 516-322-3892; PO Box 3037, Farmingdale, NY 11735; Knights of Columbus Bethpage, NY; no membership dues.

Slot Card & Room Keys; Dave Johnston, 350 E Desert Inn Rd D-205, Las Vegas, NV 89109; 702-351-8573

Southern California Collectibles Club; georged@mindspring.com; George Dmitrevsky; 818-384-7357; 3rd Tuesday of every month locations vary 7-9 PM

Southern Nevada Collectibles Club; <http://snccc.weebly.com/>; Rich Klabacha; 1616 Gleneagles Court Boulder City, NV 89005-3653; monthly meetings; membership dues \$12.00

All the club information that was received at the time of the creation of the list. If you have information your club would like to add please contact the editors at Editor@ccgtcc.com.

MEMBERSHIP OFFICER'S MESSAGE TO ALL

At the meeting of the Club's Board of Directors in February, several items relating to Club membership were discussed.

We have been slowly transitioning to e-mail notices for renewal. For those of you that currently get a post card, please include your e-mail address on the card when you return it. If you use PayPal, I will get your e-mail address from there.

As of September 1, 2017 we have decided to reduce Foreign membership fees down from \$55 to \$43. This was done based on the actual postage we are paying and also in order to entice other foreign collectors to join.

There was some discussion about potentially raising the US membership fees as they haven't increased in some time, but no decision has yet been reached.

In addition to the changes mentioned above, we are exploring an option to allow Life Members to pay a one-time fee of \$50 each for their associate(s) to become Associate Life Members. No special cards or pins will be made, it will just say Associate Life Member on their card. This will limit the number of cards to make and mail in the future.

Richard Huber - Membership Officer

Letter to the Editors

Jim Kruse LM0632-32 via *Chip Guide* 3/24/17
Great Magazine!!! Congratulations Steve and Company! Got my new magazine this morning, in my opinion one of the best ever. Great information, great articles by very knowledgeable people, just one heck of a job. Thanks (f)or everything. Jim

Thank you for the kind words Jim, I give it my best. SM

**"Congratulations to the CC>CC
on their 25th Annual Convention!"**



Alan Schuyler LM-8414-258

A graphic of a Las Vegas-style 'Welcome' sign. The sign is diamond-shaped with a gold border and a starburst at the top. The word 'WELCOME' is written in large, red, outlined letters. Below it, 'TO Fabulous' is written in a cursive font, and 'Over50Vegas.com' is written in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The sign is set against a blue background with a white border.

**Stop by table #42
at the convention
and say hello!**

Over50Vegas.com explores the history of the Downtown Las Vegas Area, combining history with the many collectibles that have appeared over the years.

I'm a Gaming Token Collector

More about Bill Harrah Defacing Silver Dollars and How I Became a Collector

By Bill Holman R-0261

First of all let me state that the members of the CC>CC are not just chip collectors. We are not just a chip club. Our members collect any and all items related to the gaming industry. Although the majority of our members collect chips there are still a few of us left who collect gaming tokens. This being stated, I have to respond with the real reason Bill Harrah was sand blasting his silver dollars.

In 1960, the average price of silver bullion was \$.75 an ounce. By the end of 1963 silver bullion had risen to approximately \$1.30 an ounce and rising. People were going to casino cages and buying 100 silver dollars for \$100.00, and receiving \$130.00 worth of silver coins. Because they were U.S. silver dollars they also had numismatic value to them. Where else could one make 30-40% return on their investment so quickly? People were not taking them home as souvenirs; they were buying and hoarding them for future sales. Bill Harrah was wasting his time sand blasting the silver dollars as it was futile to try and stop the flow of silver dollars from his and others' casinos. In 1964, the last 90% silver coins were made for circulation. A lot of them made from silver dollars the mint melted down because it was cheaper than buying bulk bullion.



Now it is 1965, no more silver dollars for slots. What to do? I do not know who came up with the idea or exactly when, but someone came up with the idea of making a token (redeemable by the casino) with approximately the same size and weight as a silver dollar. They were made from metal so one could still hear the magical sound of clang, clang, clang, of metal on metal when the machines paid out. The casinos made minor adjustments to the slot mechanisms and they were back in the \$1.00 slot business. When guests took these tokens home for souvenirs the casinos replaced them for considerably less than a \$1.00, just the same as chips.

In the same year my parents were visiting, an ex-coworker of my father was working at Harvey's. While there my parents acquired a \$1.00 token from Harvey's and Harrah's. They brought them back home as souvenirs and knowing I was a coin collector at the time, they gave them to me, which started me on my way as a gaming token collector.



I really got into collecting gaming tokens. I sold most of my coin collections so I could concentrate on collecting gaming tokens. Whenever I would visit Nevada, I would try to get as many \$1.00 gaming tokens from different casinos or slot joints as I could. I would also give friends 5 or 10 dollars and ask them to get as many different gaming tokens as they could. Eventually I had quite a hoard of gaming tokens and thought I was the only person in the world who was collecting them.

A friend of mine, who collected chips told me of an ad in **Gaming Times** of a group of people who were forming CC>CC and the first 200 people who joined, would be charter members. By the time I sent my application in, I had missed the charter membership by 61, hence my membership number of R-0261. Now I have others as crazy as me to help me decide how to go about my collection.

After reading several articles in the club's newsletter (we did not have a magazine yet) and talking to other in local clubs I decided what to do.

As my wife and I were married in one of our favorite places, I decided to concentrate on \$1.00 gaming tokens from Lake Tahoe. I currently have a complete collection of every \$1.00 gaming token that was made for circulation or use in the casinos of Lake Tahoe. I also have most of the \$.50 tokens used on the 21 gaming tables. Now that my collection is complete, I am up grading to try and get the best examples I can.



After I completed the Lake Tahoe \$1.00 token collection I started an Atlantic City token collection with the help of Archie Black and his Atlantic City casino chip and token subscription service. He was able to supply me with first issues which were invaluable in completing my collection. Thanks Archie.



If everything goes well I plan to exhibit my Lake Tahoe collection at this year's convention. After all I'M A GAMING TOKEN COLLECTOR, AND PROUD OF IT.

Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club May 2017 Meeting.

The club's latest meeting was held at Bally's Park Place Casino on Sunday May 7, 2017. The usual crowd was there for the meeting and trading session. President Marc Maahs announced that the club is planned to have a speaker at all future meeting.

Marc was contacted by a gentleman who had amassed over \$4000 face value chips from all over the US. One of the chips in the collection was a \$1 chip for the Playboy AC. The chip is a metal center, with a yellow house mold, and was cancelled. The chip caused much discussion as to it was the first time this color was seen. Some suggestions where that it was a bleached chip, a sample chip, or a counterfeit. Take a look and let us know what you think.

The meeting was closed with all looking forward to the convention in June.



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(the MoGH)

Thursday June 22nd - 8:00 am - Joshua Room

Presented by the MoGH Board Members and an invited panel group from the El Cortez Casino, the Plaza Casino, the NEON Museum (confirmed) and the Mob Museum. The presentation includes a video and display of select memorabilia from the panel guests. A Question and Answer period will follow.



Charles Kaplan

Perserving Gaming History and the Chip Guide
Thursday June 22nd - 3:00 pm - Joshua Room

Charles Kaplan, LM-115-48, is the Museum of Gaming History Vice-Chairman and Webmaster, consultant and administrator of the ChipGuide, Vice-President of the Atlantic City Casino Collectibles Club, CCGTCC convention Seminar Speaker and volunteer, and frequently provides articles for Casino Chip and Gaming Token News.

Charles is a casino chip collector who specializes in the Caribbean, obsolete \$1 Nevada chips, and \$1 chips from everywhere.



Mark Lighterman

Florida Gaming
Friday June 23rd - 8:00 am - Joshua Room

Mark Lighterman is a charter and Hall of Fame member of the club whos' research and study of Florida gambling history has led him (along with his late mother Myrna) to write three books on the subject. Mark will present some new found photos and newly discovered history about gambling in South Florida. Mark is an avid collector of anything that's casino related in Florida. His latest book is The Complete Guide to Florida's Gambling Establishments both Past and Present.



Sam Wagmeister

Under the Radar - Las Vegas
Friday June 23rd - 3:00 pm - Joshua Room

Sam Wagmeister is a veteran of nearly 16 years of the Ups and Downs of the Las Vegas real estate market. After moving to Las Vegas in 1998, he soon discovered the exciting local entertainment scene after being invited to a backyard jam session at a local veteran jazz singer's home. Since 2010, Sam has written a column featuring off-Strip entertainment, restaurants and the people who frequent them for The Vegas Voice magazine. "Most people think that they have to spend \$100 or more for a great night out on the town in Las Vegas," he writes, but the truth is, if you know where to go, you can have great times for a third of that price." Sam admits that his motives for promoting these people and places are selfish. "I want to keep these places thriving so that I'll have places to go for great times." Among his real estate clients, Sam proudly counts dozens of members of the local and national chip club.



Banquet Speaker: Early Bird Banquet



Keynote Speaker - Frank Cullotta
Wednesday June 21st - 5:00 pm

Frank Cullotta was born on December 14, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois.

He entered Steinmetz High School in 1953. He began his criminal career as a teenager, graduating from petty theft to burglary, armed robbery, arson, and murder.

Martin Scorsese's 1995 film *Casino* is based on the lives of Spilotro and Frank "Lefty" Rosenthal as portrayed in Nicholas Pileggi's 1995 book *Casino*. Frank Cullotta—renamed "Frank Marino" in the film was portrayed by actor Frank Vincent. Frank Cullotta was hired as a technical advisor for the movie and also played the role of a hitman who carries out several murders, one of which is similar to the 1979 murder of Sherwin Lisner.

Frank Cullotta has written *Cullotta: The Life of a Chicago Criminal, Las Vegas Mobster, and Government Witness* and has been involved in making several documentaries. He co-hosted AMC Mob Month alongside Henry Hill in 2011, and in 2012 he was inducted into

the Mob Museum in Las Vegas. Frank Cullotta is known as an underworld historian and an expert on organized crime. In 2013 he told his story in an episode of *Banged Up Abroad*.

Frank Cullotta appeared in the season 5 premiere of *Bar Rescue* where he gave commentary to the Las Vegas bar he visits, Champagne's (formerly Champagne's Cafe). He also appeared during the bar's grand re-opening.

Frank Cullotta now runs a casino tour in Las Vegas on a two-hour tour of the places where the incidents in the movie *Casino* actually took place. You will learn the true details behind the events you have seen on the screen. In addition to having Frank as your host, there are surprise guests, from time to time, who were affiliated with the movie or were engaged in the actual events as described on the tour.

Volunteer Banquet Speaker: Early Bird Banquet

Keynote Speaker - Vincent Magliulo
Saturday June 24th - 5:00 pm



Our Speaker at the Volunteers' Reception this year will be Vincent Magliulo, Vice-President of Corporate Relations, Las Vegas Dissemination Corporation (LVDC). He previously served as Director of Race & Sports Operations for Wynn Las Vegas and Assistant Vice-President of Race & Sports Operations at Caesars Palace. He has appeared on local, national and international television and radio programs, including ESPN, Fox Sports, Telemundo and as a regular contributor on KCBS Sports Central in Los Angeles.

Magliulo's duties include overseeing the continued relationship between LVDC and the member companies of the Nevada Pari-Mutuel Association, Atlantis Paradise Island, as well as, LVDC's Native American clients including Foxwoods Resort Casino, Cities of Gold, and Meskwaki Casino. He works in conjunction with the entire LVDC executive team to formulate and execute growth strategies beneficial to the company's portfolio. He also supports and coordinates the company's operations and technical departments. He also serves as one of the company's liaisons in regulatory matters.

Magliulo brings 33 years of industry experience to the company, including race & sports operations, table games and marketing. Prior to LVDC Magliulo served as Director of Race & Sports Operations for Wynn Las Vegas. While at Wynn he was responsible for the design, opening, and operation of the resort's race & sports book. From 1986 to 2000 Magliulo worked his way from supervisor to Assistant Vice President of Race & Sports Operations at Caesars Palace. As one of the pre-eminent oddsmakers in the gaming industry, he appeared as a representative for the legendary resort on local, national and international television and radio programs including: the CBS Evening News with Dan Rather, The Late Show with David Letterman, ESPN, Fox Sports, Telemundo and as a regular contributor on KCBS Sports Central in Los Angeles.

MEMBERS' RECOLLECTIONS FROM PAST CONVENTIONS

BY CHRISTINE SMITH & SHELDON SMITH

In the last magazine, we requested that Club Members send in their recollections of a past Convention that was memorable for them. We send thanks to those members who shared their memories with us and are sure that other members will easily relate! We're including them here in alphabetical order for your reading enjoyment:

From Keith and Jettie Bearden:

It was June 2008, and we were at the Riviera for a slot tournament and learned that the CC>CC was having a convention in the show room there. We made our way to the show room on the last day of the convention. We were not prepared for what we saw! We were amazed at the number of vendors and the amount of chips, silver strikes, tokens and ashtrays on display. I bought a few chips and then went through several tubs of bargain chips (\$2.00 each) and found too many that we wanted. Ran out of cash, but the vendor volunteered to take a check. I told him I would go to the car to get my checkbook; but, he wanted to close and leave. So, he said I could just mail him the check. We both counted the chips I wanted and agreed on a price. However, after getting back home, we counted the chips again and found that we had counted too many at the convention. I called the dealer and he agreed to adjust the price to the correct amount without question. Could not believe he was so trusting! Knew we were hooked on collecting at this point. We joined the CC>CC in 2011 and our first convention as club members was in 2012. We were very impressed by the number of dealers and variety of chips and casino memorabilia available. Also, we met many people we had been buying from through the mail and internet. We took the A.C.E. Pledge sponsored by Steve Passalacqua. (The A.C.E. pledge is to have an "Absolute Cool Experience" by coming to the Convention, stopping by Steve's Table & by saying, "Thank you" to the volunteers). Like Steve, we are having fun!



From Barbara Hartel of C.T. COINS:

I remember one of the earlier years at the Aladdin. We only had 15-20 Dealers. My dad (Charles Rodgers) asked Thomas (my husband) and me to help. We had members standing three-deep behind each other, just to get to the binders or to buy supplies. It was CRAZY! For a little while, I was like a deer in headlights. I had never seen anything like this! I looked at my dad to get some insights and he had this grin on his face. I asked him why he was smiling because we were going to get eaten alive! He just said that, "The hobby is really taking off!" He was right, too. Everything changed – bigger room, more dealers and a lot more. There was excitement for us and the Club, in general. Now, here we are, celebrating our 25th Convention. WOW! What a ride and we're still going strong! I miss my dad.



From Brenda Black:

I will always remember the first convention at the old Aladdin. I was dressed in my Genie outfit on opening day. Archie dressed as Aladdin and, along with the other Club officers, he and I helped cut the ribbon to open the convention wearing those crazy outfits. During that day, I rode the elevators, used the restrooms and went to restaurants. Everyone talked with me and some thought I was employed by the Aladdin. It was a lot of fun to have so many people at the convention strike up a conversation with me. Our contact with the Aladdin told me there had never been anyone who dressed as Aladdin and Genie for a convention there. I told her “That is the way we do things in Jersey!” That was the beginning of 25 years as a volunteer!

From Brenda Reimer:

My third Convention was in 2016. This was special because my mom came with me. It was my parents who introduced me to Las Vegas in the 1960s and made this a special place for me. This was my mom’s first visit to Las Vegas since my dad passed in 2015, and we had a wonderful time. She loved the banquet and seeing the people involved in our hobby. Due to her health, it is unlikely she will be able to attend another Convention with me. But I will always have the memories of being at the South Point in 2016 with her.

From Wendy Schultz of B and V COINS:

My Mom and Dad (Bettye and Vince Mowrey who were Dealers from the FIRST Convention) both passed in 2005 – Mom in April and Dad in August. Mom’s last convention was in 2004 and I have some very fond memories of working my Dad’s last convention in 2005. He was gone just a couple of weeks after that convention. It was at the Riviera and I recall chasing down some enameled token sets that had just come out. I would usually help them out on Saturday but I worked all three days with my dad at his last convention. I am going to try and find things from the 2005 convention that might have me and my dad together in them.



From “Riverboat Rick” Pockracki:

The convention year was 2004. I had been a Club member since 1997 and I wanted to be a Life Member. I remember thinking the life member fee was a lot of money and would cut into my chip money. But, I wanted to do it. The Chip Board gathering was at the Palms and I arrived very early and was playing some video poker to pass the time. I promised myself that if I got 4 deuces, I would buy my life membership the moment I entered the convention floor. I wasn’t sure what LM number they were on, but I was going to ask for LM – 82 as it was the year I graduated and, for me, it was easy to remember! As luck would have it, I hit the 4 deuces and I put the money aside for the next morning. The moment I walked into the convention, I found the membership table; but, there were 2 people in front of me. So, I patiently waited and then, when my turn came, I said I wanted to pay for a Life Membership and I wanted # 82. The membership officer informed me that the 2 people who were in front of me ALSO signed up as life members and took that #82 and #83. He said, “Ask them to come back and they will switch numbers with you. I am sure of it.” I thought about it, but I didn’t want to bother these folks and remember thinking, “maybe they won’t.” As it turns out, I should have asked them and, now, knowing them better, am sure they would have switched numbers in a heartbeat. It turns out those 2 people lived in the same state as me and not far from me. Soon after that, they started the Chicagoland Chip meetings every other month. It turns out those 2 people are my friends today. It is not surprising their membership numbers are next to each other as that is how I always find them – right next to each other! Oh! Those LMs # 82 & 83 are Christine and Sheldon Smith!

From Norman L. Steel:

On my first convention, I was pleased and fortunate to have met the late Greg Susong. We discussed our airplane chips and agreed to bring them to the next year's convention. Never happened as, in the meantime, Greg passed away.

From Steve Piccolo:

Since I've attended all of the past conventions as a member and dealer, I can say all were memorable and fun. But, what sticks out for me was at the very first convention at the Aladdin way back in the last century! Back then, my goal was to get at least one "premium" chip for my collection at this show and that continued on for each and every year following. My target that year was for a first-issue \$5 from the Flamingo (commonly known as a Bugsy Siegel \$5). Back then, they weren't as readily available as they are today with plenty of dealers having them for sale on the bourse floor. That year, there was one in the Club Auction and, since I didn't see one for sale, it became my target. It was a nice example, but drilled. I knew I could buy one from a dealer friend of mine for around \$350, so that was my maximum bid. As the auction started, there were some initial bids; but, as the price went higher, it was down to me and another buyer. I raised my hand for a \$350 bid and, after a few minutes, I was outbid at \$375. I stopped, knowing I could get the same canceled chip for less. I lost that auction. But, here is where it got interesting. I was sitting next to Michael Knapp and Gene Grossblatt. Gene must have seen my interest because he proceeded to pull out a pristine, non-canceled example of the very chip I was looking for and he asked if I would be interested in buying it? WOULD I EVER!!!! I asked how much and he said, "Well if a drilled one sold for \$375, I'd take \$400 for this one." My immediate reaction . . . SOLD!!! I was overjoyed! After some time went by, he again pulled out another chip. This time it was a \$100 Bugsy Flamingo chip, again in pristine condition. He wanted \$600 for this one which, at the time, I had to pass on it as my chip budget was already "busted" for that trip! But, in hindsight, I wish I had taken that one, too. Over the years, I showed my Flamingo chip to other dealers and collectors and, as a whole, they all said it was probably in the best condition they'd ever seen for that chip at the time. That's just one memory of past conventions I can say will never fade away. Your first experience is usually the most memorable. Here's to 25 more conventions and, hopefully, I'll be around for the BIG 5-0!

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION NEWS

By Archie A. Black HLM-001/ANA Club Rep



ANA 2017 CONVENTION IN DENVER

Don't miss The World's Fair of Money -- one of the biggest coin shows in the U.S.A! Attend lectures and seminars, view rare historical treasures from the American Numismatic Association Money Museum and private collections, and build your own coin collection. Convention dates are August 1-5, 2017 at the Colorado Convention Center in America's Mile High City, Denver, Colorado! ANA members are admitted 30 minutes before the public to buy and sell from the nearly 1,000 dealers in attendance. Admission is \$8 for the public; free for ANA members and children under 12. Admission is free on Saturday, August 5.

While in Colorado for the convention, visit the ANA Headquarters building/museum at 818 N. Cascade Ave. Colorado Springs, CO



The ANA **2018** World's Fair of Money will be held August 14-18 at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

In **2019**, ANA convention dates are August 6-10 at the Donald W. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois.

File for future reference in **2018**; The ANA will be accepting applications for college scholarships which must be submitted by March, 2018 Any ANA club member who is a graduating high school senior may apply for a \$1,000 scholarship to ANY university, community college, or trade school of the student's choice. The money may be used for tuition, books, or supplies directly related to class requirements. The student must have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0. Scholarships will be given on the basis of numismatic merit and financial need. Applications should be sent to ANA College Scholarship Committee c/o Rod Gillis via email at gillis@money.org or call him at 719-482-9845.

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MoGH MEMBERSHIP

Jerry Vergatos, Membership Director
LM-8093-241 / MoGH LM-0001

Greetings again to fellow club members! Thanks to Mike Quinlivan, we have forged a renewed relationship with the Mob Museum and the Neon Museum. This association gives us the exposure and credentials to move forward. The MoGH has exhibits and items on loan in their locations. They value us as a great partner in all their endeavors. That being said, Geoff Schumacher has graciously donated Mob Museum passes to us to reward our efforts. The MoGH Board of Directors has decided to pass these along to the Club to promote our association. We will be offering one free pass to each person attending this year's banquet and one free pass to each Club member who volunteers at the convention. A free pass will also be offered to any Club member who wishes to upgrade to MoGH Gold Level, which includes a free t-shirt and commemorative chip. Many exciting things are happening with the MoGH. I sincerely hope you will join us.

HELP

We need corporate membership recruiting help. If everyone could recruit just one corporate member, it would go a long way in achieving our goal. Please consider helping us in this worthy endeavor. Be a part of our future to ensure a lasting legacy. If you believe you can help, I welcome your thoughts and participation. Please visit our website at www.themogh.org

Please feel free to contact me direct at vergatos@msn.com

Thank You

Jerry Vergatos, Membership Director, MoGH
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Catching Up with the ChipGuide

By Charles Kaplan, LM-115-148

Hi. There's a lot we have to catch up on since we last spoke, it's been a while. It's been a busy week for me. I teach a class on Information Technology (computers) at a local college, Farmingdale State College, on Long Island. The final exam was on Tuesday. One student failed to show, but I let him take the exam the next day. The final grades are in, the semester is complete, and now I'm off until the last week of August. On Wednesday I ran the annual educational conference for the Long Island System Users Group (LISUG), it's a group for corporate computers programmers and administrators. That's the culmination of about 4 months of planning, so it is exhaustive. But all that is over and my calendar is now clean and we can catch up on the ChipGuide. I appreciate your patience.

I'd like to start by telling you that if you are going to be at the convention this year, please stop by the ChipGuide seminar. It will be on Thursday at 3pm. The topic this year will be about how to use the ChipGuide for researching casinos and casino chips. You'll find out how to locate your chips on the ChipGuide to learn more about them, when they were used, what they were used for and when they were issued. You also learn about information on the ChipGuide about casinos that you never knew existed. We'll talk more about that later in the article when we get to talking about the Museum of Gaming History's Casino Archive.

But first, what have we done for you lately? Recently the ChipGuide reached two significant milestones. A couple of weeks ago the ChipGuide population grew to 180,000 items. The 180,000th item is a limited edition \$5 chip, Laughlin River Run, from the Ramada Express casino in Laughlin, Nevada, issued in 1996. It is cataloged in The Chip Rack as TCR# N8985 and was submitted by Allan McCurdy.




Also, the ChipGuide received it's 50,000th submission. That item was a \$1 BH (Bill Hart) chip from Baker City, Oregon, a blue SQINCR hot stamp chip submitted by Barry Hauptman.

After so many years, of taking so many of your submissions, I am still amazed that we can still continuously add 50 to 100 items a day on to the ChipGuide. I thought that the well would run dry by now, but it is just as strong as ever. And you know what? I still think that most collectors still have items, perhaps a lot of items, that are still not in the ChipGuide. Why don't you rummage around and see what you have? If you find something that's not on the ChipGuide, you can take a picture of it or scan it and submit to the ChipGuide. We have an easy to use submission form that you can use or just contact one of the ChipGuide Admins for assistance, we love to help. You can find a list of the Admins and the Submission Form using links on the left near the top of each page of the ChipGuide. Thanks again to all the submitters, without you we'd be nothing, and to all the Admins who process the submissions. The admins are hardworking volunteers that like to help you and the hobby. And special thanks to Albert Scalzo, the Webmaster of the ChipGuide, who keeps the whole project moving forward. You'll never meet a nicer guy.



Now, how about that MoGH Casino Archive? It occurred to us that there were many items on the ChipGuide, mostly about casinos, that were not collectibles. Well, maybe a few people collected these types of items, but not many. I'm talking about items like newspaper articles, implosion videos, press releases, pictures and items like that. We want to preserve that type of information, but they were different from the items we wanted in the ChipGuide. So what to do? The solution was the MoGH Casino Archive (The Archive). The archive is a collection of information about casinos.

The Archive was designed so that an article could relate to several different casinos, people or even collectible items in the ChipGuide. For instance, let's say there is a newspaper article about a police raid of several illegal casinos. In the newspaper article, they mention not only the names and locations of the illegal casinos, but also the names of the casino operators. The Archive can connect the article to all the casinos and to all the operators. If the article happens to mention the type of chips in use when the raid occurred, then we can even connect the article to those chips on the ChipGuide. I bet your next question is going to be: How do we know when there is information about a person, casino or item on the ChipGuide? The answer is, simply, look for the ARCHIVE button. It is the red button at the bottom of the information box on the right side.

Sands

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When you press the Archive button you will get a list of all the Archive items connected to that casino.

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Picture		Desert Billboard. Ricky Ricardo. Jerry Lewis	
Picture		Front Entrance with Marquee	Ricky Pushkin
Picture		Hotel & Marquee. 1950's cars in Parking Lot	
Picture		Hotel & Marquee. Full Contact Karate	
Picture		Hotel & Marquee. Red Skelton	
Picture		Janet Leigh	
Picture		Marquee - 44 Great Years. Thank You. Viva Las Vegas	
Picture		Marquee at night. Jonah Jones & Norman Brooks	
Picture		Nice photo of sign and partial building From Janice and Jerry o'Neal pic	Larry Kopp
Picture		Roadside sign with entertainer's Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. From Janice	Larry Kopp
Picture		Sammy Davis in front of the Marquee	
Report		Casino Report	Janice O'Neal
Report		Casino Report	Janice O'Neal
Video		Sands Implosion	Youtube
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In the Sands archive, we have a bunch of pictures, 2 casino reports and the implosion video. When you click on the item, the MoGH Archive Viewer will show it. Here is the implosion video.

MoGH Archive Viewer

Video Sands Implosion

This Information Item is connected to:

CASINO: Sands - Las Vegas, NV

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You can also press the yellow “Show All Pictures” button and see all the pictures listed above on one page, instead of individually. The purpose of the Archive is to provide a place to store information about casinos, the people involved with casinos and the items used in the casino. And it is only click away from the ChipGuide. The Archive was rolled out with the basic functions that we thought were needed. And very much like the ChipGuide we foresee that there will be a lot of new functions added as we figure it out and collectors start using it. Our best ideas come to us from collectors, they know what they want to see. Once we get a good idea, it is usually pretty easy to figure out how to do it.

The ChipGuide is continually improved. Some of the improvements, like the ones to help the admins do their job you won't see. Others you will see. One recent improvement for collectors was made to the Casino Search function. The improvement was to show the chip molds in use at the casino in order to make it easier to figure out where a chip was used. For example, let's say you are not sure which Bank Club casino this Large Crown (LCROWN) chip was used in.



To figure it out, go to the Casino Search page and enter +bank +club and press SEARCH. You will get this list.


Casino Name Search

<u>Casino</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Molds</u>
B (Bank Club)	California	Yuba City	HHL, DIASQR
Bank Club	Nevada	Ely	HORSHU, H&C (CJ), DIECAR, ARODIE, SMKEY, HUB, Large Crown, SM-KEY, PLAIN
Bank Club	California	Emeryville	DIASQR, L
Bank Club	Nevada	Fallon	
Bank Club	Nevada	Lovelock	
Bank Club	California	Oroville	LCROWN
Bank Club	Nevada	Pioche	
Bank Club	Nevada	Pittman	
Bank Club	Nevada	Reno	S's, DOTS, DIAMOND, LCROWN, SMKEY, ARODIE, DIASQR, Plain, SM-KEY, Interlocking, ??, Diamond Match Co.
Bank Club	California	San Jose	L
Bank Club	Nevada	Searchlight	LCROWN
Bank Club, Barney's	Nevada	Fallon	LG-KEY, SMKEY, LGKEY, SM-KEY
Bank Club, Felix	Nevada	Lovelock	HORSHU, Ts, T
Bank Club, Felix	Nevada	Lovelock/ Winnemucca	ARODIE
Bank Club, The	Nevada	Las Vegas	
Bank Club, The	Nevada	Las Vegas	CT
Bank-Palace Club	Nevada	Reno	CREST & SEAL
BB (Bank Club)	California	Jackson	PLAIN, Diasqr
BC (Bank Club)	California	Jackson	DIASQR, SQSQRT, LZYDIA

There are 19 Bank Clubs listed on the ChipGuide. But if you look at the column on the right, you can see only 4 of the Bank Clubs used LCROWN mold chips, Ely, NV, Oroville, CA, Reno, NV and Searchlight, NV. With this improvement, you only have to check 4 of the casinos, not all 19 casinos, to figure out this chip was used at the Bank Club in Searchlight, NV.

That'll wrap it up for now. Keep those submissions flowing in and let us know if you have any suggestions to improve the ChipGuide. I'll catch you at the convention. Remember, the ChipGuide Seminar is at 3pm on Thursday.

In Memoriam



*Beautiful memories
treasured forever of the
love and happiness we
shared together*

Dan Dopudja, May 2016 - R-1307

Jim Fuhlrodt, January 2016 - LM-3652-178

Paul Abrahams, September 2016 - R-0425

Almira Kineke, November 2016 - R-2593-A

Jerry O'Neal, February 2017 - CH-0088

Joe Pavlik, February 2017 - LM-5967-135

Tony Tricoli, February 2017 - R-2084

Frank Muscat, March 2017 - R-5702

Bob Ginsburg, April 2017 - R-1635

William R. Kaar, April 2017 - R-1170



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COMING SOON – THE 25TH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF THE CASINO CHIP & GAMING TOKEN COLLECTORS CLUB
(CC>CC)
NOW DOING BUSINESS AS THE
CASINO COLLECTIBLES ASSOCIATION (CCA)

Our **LANDMARK 25th Annual Casino Chip & Gaming Token Collectors Club (CC>CC) Convention is almost here!** This Convention marks **A QUARTER CENTURY** of convening to celebrate our hobby, share our love of casino collectibles and the enjoyment of sharing our interests and our experiences with others who, like us, appreciate the history of gaming and relish the “hunt” for that special “something” that has eluded us!

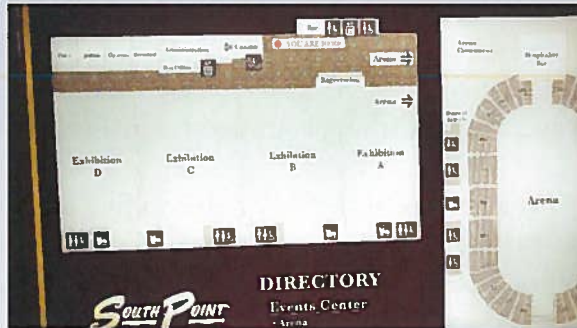
This Convention is also the **FIRST** where the CC>CC is doing business as the **CASINO COLLECTIBLES ASSOCIATION (CCA)**! We may have a different name and a different logo; but, we are still the World’s Largest Casino Collectibles Club in the World, with the same fun, camaraderie and treasures-in-waiting!

For the **NINTH (9th)** consecutive year, we will be at the South Point Hotel and Casino. **BUT**, this year, we will be in a **NEW SPACE!** Our Show Room will be in **EXHIBITION HALL “D”** and there are signs directing you to the Exhibit Halls from the time you walk in the South Point’s front door!



The Exhibit Halls and the Meeting/Break-out Rooms, are all on the same level as the Arena Area. From the Casino level, you will pass the Benny Binion Horse Statue and, heading West, you will see a short “people-mover” on the right with an escalator and an elevator ahead of you.

This is a different escalator and elevator from other years, but you can't miss them! There are PLENTY of Hotel signs directing attendees to the Exhibition Hall area and break-out rooms, including a Directory with a floor sketch at the top of the escalator.



The Club will have additional signs for you; but, you really won't need them!

PLEASE NOTE: REGISTRATION for both Pre-Registrants and General Attendees will take place across the Hall from the Exhibition Halls at the Exhibition Area Box Office. This Box Office is NOT the Arena Box Office you see as you exit the escalator or the elevator to the Exhibition Hall area. You must take a hard RIGHT from the escalator or elevator. You will pass slot machines (or, you could try your luck with them before heading down the short hallway)!

You will easily see our Registration Desk at the BOX OFFICE on the RIGHT with plenty of Club signs. The hotel sign for our private Registration Box Office may be small, but the smiles from our wonderful Registration Staff will be HUGE and warm and welcoming, thanks to **Brenda Black**, our Director for On-Site Registration. We want to take this opportunity to also thank **George Dmitrevsky** (our Pre-Registration Chairman) who, along with Brenda, work together to make everyone's Registration as easy and as seamless as possible! We also thank **Nina Dmitrevsky** who takes time out from her own hobbies to help George “stuff” all of the packets!



As we said, the Exhibition Hall area is VERY easy to find and you are going to LOVE it! We have a **CONCESSION STAND and RESTROOMS** right in the Room!



ALL of our Member Trade Sessions will be held in the Cypress Room, directly across from Exhibition Hall D. To make it even easier, ALL of our Educational Seminars will be held in the Joshua Room, also directly across from Exhibition Hall D and immediately adjacent to the Cypress Room. Everything is just a few short steps away!

For those of you who might have visited Comic-Con, you will be familiar with some of the space. For those of you who never ventured into the fantasy world of comic book characters and super heroes, you can visit our FANTASTIC world of clay chips, metal tokens, silver strikes, COINS, dice, plastic swizzle sticks, slot cards, room keys, paper cards, exonomia and, that vanishing commodity, casino ashtrays!

No matter what casino-related items you seek, you should be able to find them at one or more of our Dealers' tables. We have scores of Dealers who are very knowledgeable and are available for your questions. If you don't see something you're looking for, just ask! Most likely, one of our Dealers will have it!

SHOWROOM HOURS for this year are:

Thursday, June 22nd: 9 am to 5 pm for PRE-REGISTRANTS
10 am to 5 pm for General Admission
Friday, June 23rd: 9 am to 4 pm for all Attendees
Saturday, June 24th: 9 am to 3 pm for all Attendees



This years 25th Anniversary Pin
Be sure to get yours at the
Promo table.

SHOW ENTRANCE FEES are:

\$20 for Pre-Registrants. Pre-Registration provides the following benefits:

- 1 hour Early Entry Admission (at 9 am on Thursday);
- General Admission on Friday and Saturday;
- Access to the Wednesday Trade Sessions;
- A \$2.50 Scrip Octagon Chip;
- A raffle ticket for the \$25 Scrip Plaque;
- A Buy-One/Get-One free (BOGO) offer at the Club Promotions table for certain merchandise with the CC>CC logo from previous years (some restrictions may apply); and
- Other items as available!

Thursday, June 22nd: \$10 for General Admission for Thursday only OR \$15 for a 3-day pass with a lanyard instead of stick-on badges (the 3-day pass eliminates the necessity of registering each day)!

Friday, June 23rd: \$5 for General Admission or FREE Admission with a Casino Industry ID (**NEW THIS YEAR!**)

Saturday, June 24th: FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL!

Admission for all children age 18 and under is FREE every day. But, children must be accompanied by a paying adult. For children age 12 and under, a special “**Junior Collector**” packet will be available. However, you must Pre-Register and list their gender and age on the Pre-Registration form so that appropriate items may be provided for your child/children. THANKS to *Terri Lonski and Gayle Pleau* for coordinating this Program. It’s never too early to start your children or grandchildren in our hobby!

Our Club’s **PROMOTIONS** table (Table 6) will be filled with new Club merchandise, souvenirs and other items, so check them out! *Roy Nelson*, our Promotions Director, has some surprises this year and we’re sure there will be something to please everyone. Also, Roy is stocking up with merchandise showing our **NEW LOGO!** For those who are deep bargain hunters, take advantage of the Club’s BOGO offer to scoop up some excellent “buys!” Just look for the qualifying merchandise with the red dots! Many thanks to Roy for providing us with so many tantalizing choices!

Our Annual Convention provides a full schedule for attendees filled with fun events and a wide range of opportunities to learn more about our hobby, our Club and the history of gaming, not only in Nevada but around the U.S. and the World.

For those who like to “wheel and deal” and trade for items, there are multiple **MEMBER-ONLY TRADE SESSIONS**, which provide members with opportunities to share their interests, their excess inventory and their enthusiasm with fellow collectors – but, **NO SALES are allowed!** Our Member-Only Trade Session times are:

Wednesday, June 21st (9:30 am to 4 pm and 8 pm to 11 pm)
Thursday, June 22nd (7 pm to 11 pm)
Friday, June 23rd (6 pm to 11 pm)
Saturday, June 24th (7 pm to 11 pm)

If you plan to attend a Trade Session, please verify that your membership is current so that you can participate! **Convention badges are required for entry to the Trade Sessions.** If you want to attend the two (2) trade sessions on Wednesday, June 21st, you MUST Pre-Register and pick up your badge at the Registration Desk before it closes at 4 pm on Wednesday, June 21st because General Admission doesn’t start until Thursday, June 22nd. **ALL TRADE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE CYPRESS ROOM, directly across from Exhibition Hall D!**

SOUTH POINT

9777 Las Vegas Blvd. South
Las Vegas, NV 89183



As usual, our Convention will have an “**EARLY BIRD BANQUET AND COCKTAIL HOUR**” on Wednesday, June 21st so members can mix and mingle before things get hectic! This year, we will be in a different room for the Banquet! We will be in the **BRUNSWICK ROOM**, which is much closer to the Hotel guest rooms as you access the escalators that lead to/from the Brunswick Room via the Hallway for the Hotel elevators. The Brunswick Room escalators are directly across from the Hotel Gift Shop.



Our Cocktail Hour with Cash Bar starts at 5 pm and the sit-down, plated dinner starts at 6 pm. This is a “ticketed” function, so please pick up your “Admission Key” before the Registration Desk closes at 4 pm.

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June 21, 2017
Cocktails 5:00 pm, Dinner 6:00 pm
in the Brunswick Room

If you didn't pre-register for the Banquet, there is still be time to join us! If you have any questions, please contact George Dmitrevsky immediately at georged@mindspring.com or 818/384-7357 and he will explain your choices, etc.

In addition to your Admission “Key,” please be sure to bring along your Banquet Entrée Choice ticket, which will also be in your Pre-Registration packet.

Please take this coupon with you to the banquet!

When you made your banquet reservation you chose:

Beef Stroganoff

Give this to your server to indicate your choice of entree'.

Please take this coupon with you to the banquet!

When you made your banquet reservation you chose:

Chicken Kiev

Give this to your server to indicate your choice of entree'.

Please take this coupon with you to the banquet!

When you made your banquet reservation you chose:

Pasta Primavera

Give this to your server to indicate your choice of entree'.

Non-members may attend the Cocktail Hour and Banquet if they are accompanied and paid for by a paid member. **Archie Black and Michael Knapp** are the **HONORARY CONVENTION CHAIRS** of this LANDMARK Convention, in recognition and deep appreciation for their efforts in chairing the Club's FIRST Convention in 1993. Archie and Michael will be welcoming the Banquet Attendees at the door, along with **Brenda Black**, our longest-serving Volunteer – just as they did in 1993, 25 years ago! During the Cocktail Hour, please be sure to purchase your 50/50 Banquet Raffle Tickets from Dollie and Johnny Ramsey and friends. The tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. ALL proceeds from this Raffle directly benefit the Club.



Our **BANQUET SPEAKER** this year will be Frank Culotta, of the movie “Casino.” Mr. Culotta’s biography was included in the last magazine and will also be included in the Convention Program. There has been a lot of discussion about this Speaker so, come see for yourselves! If you are a “betting” person, you can probably safely bet that few people in your neighborhood back home will be able to say they had dinner with someone like Mr. Culotta (a self-professed Chicago criminal, Las Vegas mobster and Government Witness)! Thanks to **Jim Kruse** for arranging this unique speaker! And, thanks to **Wayne Thompson** who, once again, will serve as our Master of Ceremonies and will keep us on track for an enjoyable evening!

Once again, we will have a **BLACKJACK TOURNAMENT** on Wednesday, June 21st at 12 noon in the Blackjack area of the South Point’s Casino and a **POKER CHALLENGE** in the South Point’s Poker Room on Friday, June 23rd, starting at 6 pm. If you didn’t pre-register for either Tournament and now want to “get in the game,” please contact **Jerry Vergatos** directly at vergatos@msn.com or call him at 720/939-2848 to check for possible space availability. Thanks to Jerry for making these Tournaments FUN! They are always competitive! Further information regarding these Tournaments is included elsewhere in this magazine.

Our **EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS** are offered at **8 am and 3 pm on both Thursday and Friday and include a wide-variety of topics:** from a presentation regarding the Exhibits and Displays of the Museum of Gaming History (the MoGH), to an update on “Preserving Gaming History and the Chip Guide,” to a discussion about “Florida Gaming” and to personal reflections of living “Under the Radar in Las Vegas.” Speakers’ biographies are included in this magazine. We hope you will take advantage of the information and expertise offered at these seminars! Please see the schedule below for all particulars! Thanks to **Jim Kruse**, our Educational Director for arranging these seminars, which fulfill the educational mission of our Club. And, special thanks to all of our Speakers who share their knowledge and their time to “educate” us! All seminars will be video-graphed so that you can watch them again via our Club’s website or refer them to members who weren’t able to attend this year. **ALL EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS WILL BE IN THE JOSHUA ROOM, directly across from Exhibition Hall D!**

The **BRUCE LANDAU MEMORIAL AUCTION** is the Club’s largest fund raiser and has both a silent and a live component. Whether you place your bid in person or on-line, your bidding helps the Club! **The Live Auction will be held on Thursday, June 22nd, starting at 7 pm in the Joshua Room.** The Auction offers a great selection of affordable, lower and medium-priced items, along with rare items, which are much-sought-after! We thank Auction Chairs, **David Spragg and Jay Sands**, for providing Club members an excellent list of lots that can be viewed on the Showroom Floor (at Tables 68, 69 and 70, against the RIGHT (East) wall). For those who can’t attend the Auction in person and, as a convenience for all of our Club Members, David will make the auction catalog available on-line at the Club website sometime in mid-May. But, if you’re at the Convention, lot items will be available for viewing from the opening of the Show on Thursday to the opening gavel drop by our entertaining auctioneer, **Tyrus Mulkey** on Thursday evening. **Please remember:** although the Live Auction starts at 7 pm on Thursday, the Silent Auction closes Thursday afternoon.



Another BIG fundraiser for the Club is our Annual **CONVENTION RAFFLE!** Be sure to stop by the Raffle Table (Table # 2) to purchase tickets to win a share of **over \$5,000 in prizes!** Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25 and drawings will be held during the Show on Thursday and Friday.

Although you have already voted for the “**OTYs,**” you won’t find out who won until Friday, June 23rd at 12 noon when **Jim Follis**, our OTY Chairman, makes the official announcement. But, as is our Club’s tradition, every year is an election year in our Club! You will have time during the Convention to vote for your favorite competitive exhibit for the “**PEOPLE’S CHOICE AWARDS!**” We will have both competitive and non-competitive Exhibits and these Exhibits are always a highlight of the Convention as we all enjoy seeing what other members collect, what their interests are and how they present them! Voting takes place at the Exhibits area on the left (West) side of the room towards the back (Tables 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12). Voting is open during all days and hours of the Show, until just before noon on Saturday, June 24th. **Jim Follis**, our Exhibits Chairman, will announce the top three (3) vote-getters at 12 noon. **BOTH** the OTY and Peoples’ Choice Awards winners will be announced on the Showroom Floor at the Membership table (Table # 3). Thanks to Jim and his able assistant, **Casey Focazio-Follis**, for organizing and coordinating all of our Exhibits!

In addition to enjoying the Members’ EXHIBITS (some of which are expected to include commemorating our 25 years of Conventions), you will also want to spend time at the **MUSEUM OF GAMING HISTORY (MOGH)** displays (Table # 7), between the Promotions tables and the Exhibits. Besides MoGH merchandise and brochures, there will be a computer to show attendees how to use the Chip Guide, a video or slide show about the MoGH and its current exhibits at various local museums. There will also be displays of interesting collectibles and some select, donated items. The MoGH’s membership officer and other MoGH Representatives will also be available to explain the MoGH’s Membership Program. Although it isn’t often acknowledged, the MoGH Board members spend many hours and lots of effort in working to expand the MoGH’s presence and importance around Las Vegas and in cyberspace! Thank you to the **MoGH Board: Neal Silverman (Chairman), Jim Follis, Charles Kaplan, Steve Palumbo, Ross Poppel, Mike Quinlivan, Eric Rosenblum, Sheldon Smith, Doug Smith, Jerry Vergatos,** and the MoGH Advisory Board!

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Dedicated to the preservation and education of Gaming History



For those ladies in our group who want to have a nice luncheon away from the “madding crowds” on the Showroom Floor, **Marion Engel** has agreed to, once again, coordinate the **LADIES’ LUNCHEON at the South Point Buffet at 12 noon on Friday, June 23rd**. If you have any suggestions, or want to sign up, please contact Marion at www.tinymom@atlanticbb.net. Each participant will pay her own entry to the Buffet; but, Marion needs to know who will be attending so as to assure adequate space and seating!

The last day of our 2017 Convention will be Saturday, June 24th. It is also your last chance this year to meet with the Board of Directors to get an update on the Club and its finances and to discuss items of interest to you. **This Annual Business Meeting will be held at a NEW TIME this year, starting at 7:30 am, in the Joshua Room. YES!** We know that's early, but we'll have coffee for you! The earlier start is necessary because we will have the Installation of the Club's new President and we don't want to hold up any members from getting to the Showroom Floor for those last "treasures" they've kept an eye on or have decided they just can't leave Las Vegas without, or, as for most of us, just having one more "look" around the room!



The **VOLUNTEERS' RECEPTION** will be on Saturday at 5:00 pm in Sonoma Room A (across from the Ballroom, our old location)! This event is by Invitation only to our Volunteers who show up, pitch in and allow us to provide services for the Convention members and Attendees.

Our Speaker at the Volunteers' Reception this year will be *Vincent Magliulo*, Vice-President of Corporate Relations, Las Vegas Dissemination Corporation (LVDC). He previously served as Director of Race & Sports Operations for Wynn Las Vegas and Assistant Vice-President of Race & Sports Operations at Caesars Palace. He has appeared on local, national and international television and radio programs, including ESPN, Fox Sports, Telemundo and as a regular contributor on KCBS Sports Central in Los Angeles. A short bio for him is included elsewhere in this magazine.

SPECIAL THANKS are due to Jerry Vergatos, who arranged for SCIENTIFIC GAMES, the MOB MUSEUM and RICH BURGEL ("Lost Vegas") to SPONSOR this year's Volunteers' Reception and we are VERY grateful! THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS for their generosity! Hopefully, this is the start of a good tradition and we'll be able to get more sponsors in the future! Great idea and excellent work, Jerry!

Saturday also provides the LAST CHANCE to make those all-important trades at our **"LAST DANCE" MEMBER TRADE SESSION!** It will be in the Cypress Room and lasts from 7 pm – 11 pm. Have fun!

Convention 2017 Exhibits

COMPETITIVE:

Jerry Vergatos, LM 8093-241
"Collection of Player's Card"

Steve Palumbo, LM 6711-249
"Atomic Nevada"

Paul Liscio, LM 2949-198
"Rome Comes to Vegas"

Thomas Hartel, R-1932
"The CT Rodgers Collection"

Jerry Birl, LM 774-27
"My 25 Year Odyssey as a Chip Collector"- 1992 to 2017"

NON-COMPETITIVE

"25 Years of Conventions"
Belinda Hixon, LM 3505-68

"Bowling and Casinos Memorabilia"
Jim Follis, LM 3872-53

"Permanent Collection of all Past OTY Award Winners"
Jim Follis, LM 3872-53

"2016 OTY Awards Nominees"
Jim Follis, LM 3872-53 and Casey Focazio-Follis, A-3872

"Conditions and Standards of the CCA"
Michael Knapp, CH-0007-HON

Here is our full CONVENTION SCHEDULE FOR 2017

Wednesday – June 21, 2017

9:00 am - Pre-Registration and banquet ticket pick-up only. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS AT THE EXHIBITION AREA BOX OFFICE ACROSS FROM THE EXHIBIT HALLS.** As we mentioned above, this is NOT the big box office you see as you come up the escalator or off that elevator! We have our own private Box Office a little way down the hallway. You'll see our signs!

9:00 am - Dealer set-up begins – Exhibition Hall “D”

Dealer credentials required for entry

9:30 am to 4:00 pm - Member trade session – Cypress Room (across from the Exhibition Halls)

No sales. Registration badge required for entry

12 Noon - Blackjack Tournament – Casino floor

4:00 pm - Member trade session closes; Pre-Registration and Banquet ticket pick-up closes

5:00 pm - Dealer set-up closes.

5:00 pm - Cocktail hour – Brunswick Room (up the escalator located across from the Hotel Gift Shop)

6:00 pm - Early bird banquet – Brunswick Room

Guest Speaker: Frank Culotta from the movie, *Casino*; and author of “Culotta: The Life of a Chicago Criminal, Las Vegas Mobster, and Government Witness”

Ticketed event – advance purchase only

8:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Member trade session – Cypress Room (across from the Exhibition Halls)

No sales. Registration badge required for entry

Thursday – June 22, 2017

7:00 am - Dealer set-up continues – Exhibition Hall “D”

Dealer credentials required for entry

8:00 am - Educational seminar – Joshua Room (across from the Exhibition Halls)

Exhibits and Displays of the Museum of Gaming History (the MoGH) - Presented by MoGH Board Members

8:30 am - Registration opens – at Exhibition Area Box Office, across from the Exhibition Halls.

9:00 am - **RIBBON CUTTING** by HONORARY CONVENTION CHAIRS, Michael Knapp and Archie Black, along with Brenda Black (our Coordinator for this event)!

9:00 am - Early admission for pre-registered members – Exhibition Hall “D”

10:00 am - 2017 show opens for General Admission Attendees – Exhibition Hall “D”

3:00 pm - Educational seminar – Joshua Room

Preserving Gaming History and The Chip Guide - Presented by Charles Kaplan

5:00 pm - Show in recess until 9:00 am Friday

6:00 pm - Show floor secured

7:00 pm - Bruce Landau Memorial Auction – Joshua Room

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Member trade session – Cypress Room – *no sales*

Registration badge required for entry

Friday – June 23, 2017

7:00 am - Dealers with credentials may enter Exhibition Hall “D”

Dealer credentials required for entry

8:00 am - Educational seminar – Joshua Room

Florida Gaming - Presented by Mark Lighterman

9:00 am - Registration opens

9:00 am - Show floor opens – Exhibition Hall “D”

11:00 am - Hall of Fame Committee meeting – Cypress Room

12 noon - OTY Awards – Exhibition Hall “D”

12 noon - Ladies’ Luncheon – Reserved Area in the South Point Buffet

2:00 pm - Florida Collectors Club meeting – Cypress Room

3:00 pm - Educational seminar – Joshua Room

Under the Radar – Las Vegas - Presented by Sam Wagmeister

4:00 pm - Show in recess until 9:00 am Saturday

5:00 pm - Show floor secured

6:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Member trade session – Cypress Room (*across from the Exhibition Halls*)

No sales - Registration badge required for entry

6:00 pm - Poker Challenge – Poker room – Casino floor

FOR THE FIRST TIME, FRIDAY IS INDUSTRY DAY!

Just show your INDUSTRY ID for FREE ADMISSION!

Saturday – June 24, 2017

7:00 am - Dealers with credentials may enter showroom

7:00 am - Clubs Presidents Meeting – Cypress Room

7:30 am - **Annual CC>CC/CCA Business meeting** – Joshua Room ***** **PLEASE NOTE:**

THIS IS EARLIER THAN PAST YEARS!*****

9:00 am - Registration opens. **ADMISSION IS FREE FOR ALL ATTENDEES!**

9:00 am - Show floor opens – Exhibition Hall “D”

12:00 noon - “People’s Choice Awards” – Exhibit area – Exhibition Hall “D”

3:00 pm 2017 - Show Closes – See you next year! **SAVE THE DATES: June 20 – 23, 2018**

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm - **Volunteers’ Reception** – Sonoma A

Guest Speaker: Vincent Magliulo, one of the pre-eminent odds makers in the gaming industry.

Invitation only.

7:00 pm to 11:00 pm - **“Last Dance” Member Trade Session** – Cypress Room (*across from the Exhibition Halls*) *No sales - Registration badge required for entry*

Times and locations are subject to change. Visit the club table for up to date details



Our PHOTOGRAPHERS, *Quintin Kamm, Jim Whobrey and Chuck Gajewski*, will once again be memorializing the high points, the happenings and the “every day” activities of our Convention! Thanks to them for giving us the snapshots that bring back our memories and that serve as reminders of fun times and good people! We thank all three of them for their efforts on our behalf!

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS! IF you haven’t already signed up to be a Volunteer, please contact *Ralph Myers* at hotrodrrjm@aol.com and sign up – **WE NOT ONLY WANT YOU . . . WE NEED YOU!** We want to offer our APPRECIATION to Ralph, who took over as our Volunteer Coordinator when personal issues preempted Howard Edelman’s time and attention! THANKS, RALPH!

Nowhere are our Volunteers more needed and appreciated than at our Set-Up on Wednesday and Tear-Down on Saturday, which are orchestrated and led by our Co-Chairs *Steve Palumbo and Alan Schuyler*. Their crews work tirelessly to get our Showroom ready for our Dealer’s move-in! *Roy Nelson* and his crew start on Tuesday with loading our Truck to transport our storage unit items including our Club merchandise, our display cases, our signs, our supplies, our banners, etc., etc. to the Showroom Floor . . . and then, they do it all in reverse on Saturday!

THANKS TO ALL OUR COMMITTEE CHAIRS, DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS along with our BOARD OF DIRECTORS! We have no “fancy names” for them this year, so let us just re-introduce them to you as **your 2017 CONVENTION STAFF:**

President: Doug Smith
Vice-President: Jay Sands
Secretary: David Spragg
Treasurer: John Zoesch
Membership Chair: Richard Huber
Legal Counsel: Eric Rosenblum
Hall of Fame President: Eric Rosenblum
Museum of Gaming History Chairperson: Neal Silverman
Pre-Registration Chairperson: George Dmitrevsky
On-site Registration Chairperson: Brenda Black
Convention Set-Up/Tear Down Co-Chairs: Steve Palumbo and Alan Schuyler
Volunteer Coordinator: Ralph Myers
Graphic Designer: Todd Barrett
Convention Program Editor: Allan Anderson
Promotions and Property Director: Roy Nelson
Educational Seminar Director: Jim Kruse
Bruce Landau Memorial Auction Co-Chairs: David Spragg and Jay Sands
Auctioneer: Tyrus Mulkey
Black Jack and Poker Tournaments Director: Jerry Vergatos
Publicity Director and Advertising: Sheldon Smith
Social Media Director: Chip Rosenblum
Banquet Master of Ceremonies: Wayne Thompson
Banquet Speaker and Speaker Host: Jim Kruse
Banquet Raffle: Dollie and John Ramsey
Photographers: Quintin Kamm, Jim Whobrey, Chuck Gajewski and Dick Covington
“OTY” Chairman, Jim Follis
Exhibits and People’s Choice Awards, Jim Follis and Casey Focazio-Follis

Youth Program Coordinators, Terri Lonski and Gayle Pleau
Casino Collectible News Webmaster, Allan Anderson
CC>CC/CCA Webmaster, David Spragg
Corporate Advertising Manager, Allan Anderson
Casino Collectible News Editors, Robb McPherson and Steve Miller
Election Co-Chairs, Mary Ann and Bruce Massey
Ladies' Luncheon Coordinator, Marion Engel
Librarian, Wendy Schultz
Club Historian, Carey Burke
Claims Director, Steve Bedo

In our first year as Convention Chairs (in 2015), we said that it takes a CLUB (not merely a "village") to provide a Convention for its members. We found that to be true throughout the past three (3) years and we offer BIG, HUGE THANKS to all of the above for working with us throughout the years as we served as your Convention Chairs and for giving their time, effort and unique skills to make these Conventions "run" and "run well!" We want to acknowledge and especially thank those who work behind the scenes all year long to help the Club in fulfilling its many functions.

Specifically, **THANK YOU** to:

Todd Barrett for ALL the graphics and designs used at our Convention! EVERYTHING you see, that "brand" this Convention as well as many other Conventions -- the tee-shirt designs, the Commemorative Chips and Medallions, the Convention pins, the flyers, the LOGOs, the artwork for our signs (around the Showroom Floor and throughout the Casino), the Banquet keys, the Octagon Scrip chips . . . EVERYTHING! Please join with us in thanking Todd for his time, his talent, his creativity and his generous sharing of them with us! We thank him, also, for his incredible patience, his prompt responses and his many skills!

Robb McPherson and Steve Miller, our Casino Collectible News Editors, who share the duty of bringing you our Award-winning Club magazine four (4) times a year. They work with all their Contributors with good humor, MUCH patience and total professionalism!

Allan Anderson, our Convention Program Editor, Casino Collectible News Webmaster AND Corporate Advertising Manager. As you can see, Allan wears "many hats!" He also deals with multiple people with separate issues, conflicting deadlines and "one last change" over and over again. Allan has the patience of "a saint" and we applaud him for his "unflappability" and his consummate professionalism!

Carey Burke, our own Las Vegas "institution" and Club Historian, who has worked with many members to spread his knowledge and love of Las Vegas to make Nevada Casino history come alive!

Mary Ann and Bruce Massey, our Club Election Co-Chairs, who work every year to insure the integrity of our Nomination and Election Process! There are so many comments we could make about "lending them out" to the National Political Parties! But, let us just say, "Thank you" for conducting yourselves as objective, trustworthy and professional Election Chairs!

Chip Rosenblum, our Social Media Director, who is expanding our presence in "cyberspace!" Chip keeps our Club "current" on Facebook and Twitter and we very much appreciate his efforts on our behalf.

Eric Rosenblum, not only our Club's Legal Counsel but also our Hall of Fame President. Eric doesn't get a vote on the Club Board of Directors, but his opinions are highly regarded and we thank him for his many efforts on behalf of our Club, especially for his work on our Hall of Fame.

David Spragg, our CC>CC and CCA Webmaster, our Club's Secretary on the Board of Directors and, also, our Co-Chair of the Bruce Landau Memorial Auction. As Convention Chairs, we have relied heavily on David for his records regarding Dealers' years and points and for his help with logistics and Volunteer Reception "take aways!"

Sheldon Smith, for ALL of his work as the Convention Publicity and Advertising Director as well as his work as Convention Co-Chair! Christine says that there isn't enough space in this magazine for her to extol his MANY accomplishments! She also says that Sheldon is too modest – so she had to add his name after he proofed this article!

Thanks to the **Club's Board of Directors:**

Doug Smith, President Extraordinaire! Doug is a man of many virtues, chief of which is patience! He took on a lot of tasks that weren't really "up to him" but needed to be done. And, he did them well! We thank Doug for designing our Floor Plan this year and last year, and for always being willing to go the extra mile. Doug has a quick grasp of issues, and we appreciate his sensible suggestions and his "make peace" attitude! He has been an invaluable help to us and Sheldon and I have been honored to have been his Convention Chairs these past three years and thank him for providing us the opportunity to be of service to our Club.

Jay Sands, Vice-President for his work on the Club Auction and on the Site Selection Committee that approved the move to our new Convention space!

John Zoesch, Club Treasurer who keeps close watch over the Club's finances and, VERY importantly, authorizes our expense payments in an expeditious manner!

Richard Huber, Club Membership Officer, who does an excellent job keeping members current and responding to queries re: membership issues. Richard also identifies members who are to be included in our In Memoriam list, which will be posted at the Convention and which is included elsewhere in this magazine.

We also want to thank the South Point staff who have assisted in making our LANDMARK 25th Annual Convention happen! Our Club will be returning to the South Point and Exhibition Hall D next year so, get comfortable, folks! We'll be BAAACK in the same space next year!! YAY!

This Convention would be impossible to do without our Committee Chairs, Directors and Coordinators, our tireless Volunteers and, especially, the participation of our Dealers – who are also Club Members!

Regarding our Dealers . . . ALL of our Dealers are important to us! Without them, we wouldn't have a "Show!" To ALL of our Dealers, THANK YOU!

Because this is our 25th Annual Convention, we want to give special recognition and CONGRATULATIONS to the Dealers who have taken tables at ALL of our past 24 conventions and who are, once again, joining us for the 25th consecutive year bringing us their bargains and rarities, their chips and tokens, the supplies and the practical, the vintage and the newly-minted, the collectible and the prized, the dreams and the memories, the knowledge and experience, the "living" history, the stories and the memories galore! These 25-Year Dealers include two (2) Legacy Dealers, who worked alongside their parents until their parents passed away and then assumed their entities and continued in the hobby they had grown up with!

They are, in alphabetical order:

Jerry Birl (R.I.C.H. – Roulette International Chip Hunters)

B and V Coin (Wendy & Paul Schultz, daughter & son-in-law of Bettye and Vince Mowery)

James Campiglia (James Chips)

C.T. Coins (Barbara & Tom Hartel, daughter & son-in-law of Charles "C.T." Rodgers)

Walter Dirzulaitis (Walter Dirzulaitis)

Henry G. Garrett (Henry G. Garrett)

Steve Passalacqua (T.D.S. Antique Gambling Chips)

Eric S. Rosenblum (Casinochips.com)

Mark Lighterman, just missed the 25 consecutive years' "milestone" by ONE year because of a family wedding! Darn cupid! And, we have 12 more Dealers who have had tables at our Conventions for 20 or more years! CONGRATULATIONS to them, also! We hope that THESE and all of our Dealers will continue the tradition of participation and support of our Club's Annual Convention, the Largest (and, dare we say, THE GREATEST) Casino Collectibles Convention in the World!

Whether you've attended every convention or this is your FIRST, please be sure to take advantage of as many activities as possible! Meet your fellow-collectors, shop for that elusive item to complete your collection or shop for those items which will start your collection! When in doubt, ask questions!

REMINDERS:

1. **SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER** a few hours!
2. Be sure to **CHECK THE CONVENTION PROGRAM AND SIGNAGE** at the show for the latest up-to-date times and locations for all events!
3. **PLAN TO ATTEND:**
 - a) The Trade Sessions;
 - b) The Banquet;
 - c) The Educational Seminars;
 - d) The Bruce Landau Memorial Auction;
 - e) The Tournaments;
 - f) The Annual Business Meeting -- remember, it's at 7:30 am on Saturday!
4. Make sure to **VOTE for your favorite Exhibit for the "Peoples' Choice Awards!"**
5. **SHOP AT OUR CLUB PROMOTIONS' TABLES:**
 - a) Be a "groupie" and pick up your **"Convention Tour" tee-shirt** listing all 25 convention sites with dates!
 - b) Get your commemorative **25th annual Convention Pin** – and pick up those prior pins you might have missed!
 - c) Purchase a "stay cold or hot" Club mug to keep your Concession Stand drinks just as you like them!
 - d) Get your **2017 Commemorative Convention chip and medallions** (silver and bronze)!
 - e) Buy something with the **NEW LOGO** on it!
 - f) Shop for a bargain and **BOGO** on selected previous years' merchandise!
6. **STOP BY THE CLUB MEMBERSHIP TABLE** inside the showroom if you have any questions!
7. If you know someone who isn't yet a member, encourage them to **SIGN UP!** Membership forms will be available at the Membership table and at the small tables at the back of the Showroom by the Concession Stand.
8. Take a chance and buy a **CLUB RAFFLE** ticket to win a share of over \$5,000 in prizes!
9. For the women in our group, if you are planning to attend the **Ladies' Luncheon** at the South Point Buffet on Friday, June 23rd at 12 noon, please contact Marion Engel at www.tinymom@atlanticbb.net to reserve your space!
10. **MOST IMPORTANTLY . . .** When you're at the convention, **ENJOY YOURSELVES! MAKE MEMORIES!**
11. Speaking of "MEMORIES," **PLEASE SEE THE "RECOLLECTIONS"** of previous conventions, which were provided by several members and which are included elsewhere in this magazine. **We thank everyone who responded to our plea!**
12. **LAST, but not least, SAVE THE DATES FOR NEXT YEAR'S CONVENTION – June 20-23, 2018! 2018 MARKS THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF OUR CLUB and will surely be well-celebrated!**

We VERY much look forward to seeing you ALL this year! Best wishes for a fun and memorable Convention!

Sheldon and Christine Smith

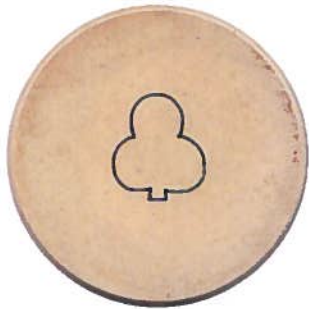
Updated Seymour Codes for Antique Poker Chips

By Roy Klein



It's been a few years now since our club magazine has had an article updating new finds and codes in antique poker chips. Dale Seymour has sort of phased himself out of publishing new data so I hope this is helpful for collectors needing new information and a direction for their collecting. I will show newly coded chips by year starting with 2012. These are codes for clay chips only.

NEW CODES FOR 2012



PC-BP Club



PC-BQ Club



PC-EL Monarch Heart



PD-AM Eight Points



PD-FR Maltese Cross



PD-KN Star



PD-VR Five Circles



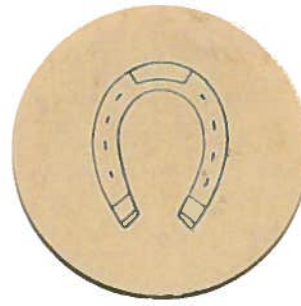
PL-KO Tulip



PL-KN Tulip



PL-MD Single Leaf



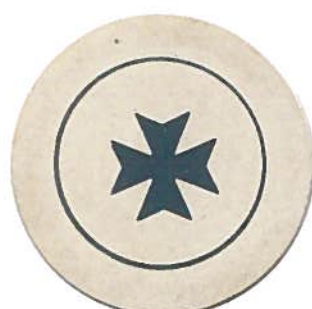
PS-SD Horseshoe



PT-FT Yacht



PW-CJ Club



PW-KS Maltese Cross



PW-MV Maltese Cross



PY-CR Climax Plug

NEW CODES FOR 2013



PA-CF Dog head



PA-TB Lion Head



PB-BQ Eagle



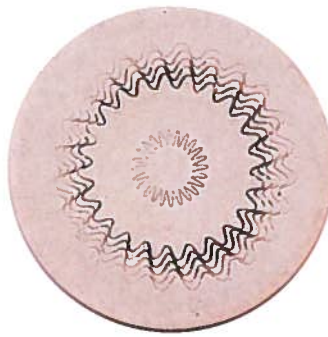
PC-AW Club



PC-CH Club in C



PC-DT Diamond



PD-BK Burst



PD-DY Ampersand



PD-DM Star Punch 1-1/2



PD-EN 1-3/8



PD-EO 1-1/4



PD-EY Four Stems



PD-FQ Maltese Cross



PD-FT Maltese Cross



PD-IR Oval



PD-JC Crescent

NEW CODES FOR 2013 CONTINUED



PD-JH Swastika



PD-KG Star



PD-RV Oval



PD-SB One Circle



PD-SU Two Circles



PD-VN Four Circles



PL-LT Pansy



PL-MI Single Leaf



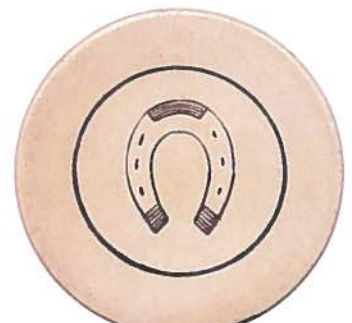
PL-MQ Three Leaves



PM-GK Flag



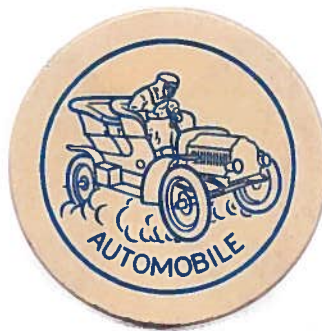
PS-FS Horseshoe



PS-SN Horseshoe



PS-TB Horseshoe



PT-AQ Auto & Dust



PW-AI Arrowheads

NEW CODES FOR 2013 CONTINUED



PW-BT Club



PW-CI Club



PW-PT Swastika



PW-PX Swastika



PY-CG Central Ohio Paper Co.



PY-OR Ohio Rubber Co.



PY-RC RCA



PY-RC RCA reverse



PY-WW Watson's Whisky



PZ-RH Reliable



PZ-RH Reliable reverse

NEW CODED CHIPS FOR 2014



PH-HY Elk Head



PC-BM Club



PC-DJ Diamond



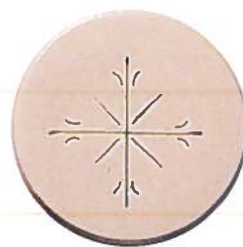
PD-DE Cockade



PD-EU Pinwheel



PD-MU Six Point Star



PD-EP Straws



PL-CB Clover



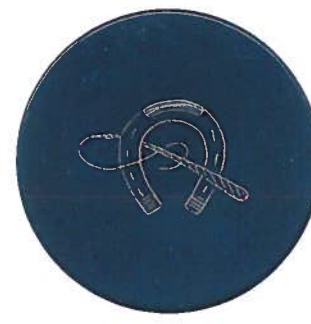
PL-MN Flower



PL-MR Three Leaf



PM-HR British Flag



PS-XB Horseshoe
& Whip



PW-BE Clover Leaf



PY-FB Fiber Steel
blank reverse



PY-GJ Harley Davidson



NEW CODED CHIPS FOR 2015



PD-BS Rope



PD-DT Dollar Sign



PD-DU Dollar Sign



PD-DX Ampersand



PD-SG One Circle



PE-FM Liberty Lady



PL-LQ Pansy



PS-QS Horseshoe



PS-TA Horseshoe



PS-SX Horseshoe

NEW CODED CHIPS FOR 2016



PA-TR Tiger



PB-RT Rooster



PC-EF Heart



PD-CR Trefoil

NEW CODED CHIPS FOR 2016 CONTINUED



PD-UG Circles



PL-BL Acorn



PL-KE Tulip



PL-KF Tulip



PL-KK Tulip



PM-AE Anchor



PS-JV Horseshoe



PS-SO Horseshoe

As a follow up to this updating of Seymour coded chips, I just want to thank all of the collectors that shared their new finds and provided photos for this project. Of course, it's a never ending process. A few years ago, Dale told me that when the 1998 edition of his book had gone to press, he had a couple dozen more chips he could have added. So even with this listing I know there are many other chips that could have been added. I'm sure there are collectors of antique chips who are sitting on items that certainly deserve a new code.

I also want to mention a collector that passed away in 2015. Roger DeVree was very passionate about the old chips. We were in contact almost daily discussing new finds collectors had turned up and getting the best photos we could. We enjoyed finding all variations of the old designs. These old chips may not have the pizzazz of the new Las Vegas stuff but, this is the history of what everything in gaming today came from. It should not be lost.

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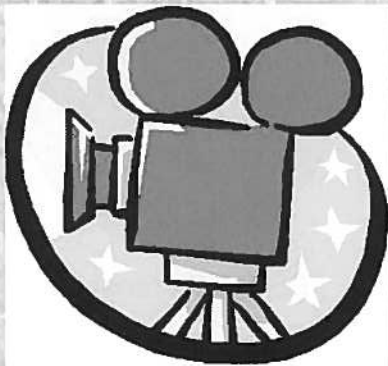
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Movie & TV Prop Chips

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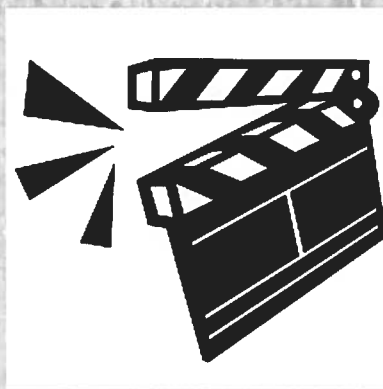
Casinos and gambling have been attractive topics for movies since the very early days of Hollywood. Dice, poker, roulette, blackjack, chuck-a-luck, faro and big wheel games were in ample supply during the golden age of movie making. When chips were displayed in these films, they were most often generic in nature – sometimes totally blank, at times showing only the denomination, but nearly always failing to display the name of a particular casino or club.



Explored in this article are 25 movies and TV shows that broke the mold when it came to picturing casino chips as an integral part of the action. These productions took the time and expense to have custom chips made up, most featuring a design that includes the name of the (usually) fictional casino. Such a commitment to detail lends richness and authenticity to the production that I feel is missing from films which employ generic chips.

The majority of the chip images that accompany this article are from the extensive collection of Bob Hiestand... a few are mine... and some were borrowed from the ChipGuide (www.chipguide.com). Special thanks to Charles Kaplan for his help with image correction and alignment.

Some of these movies are well-known – others you may never have heard of... the films and TV shows covered are from the 1970's to the present day. There are undoubtedly many more deserving of recognition, but allow us to begin with these. So lights down, music up – let's roll those opening film credits...



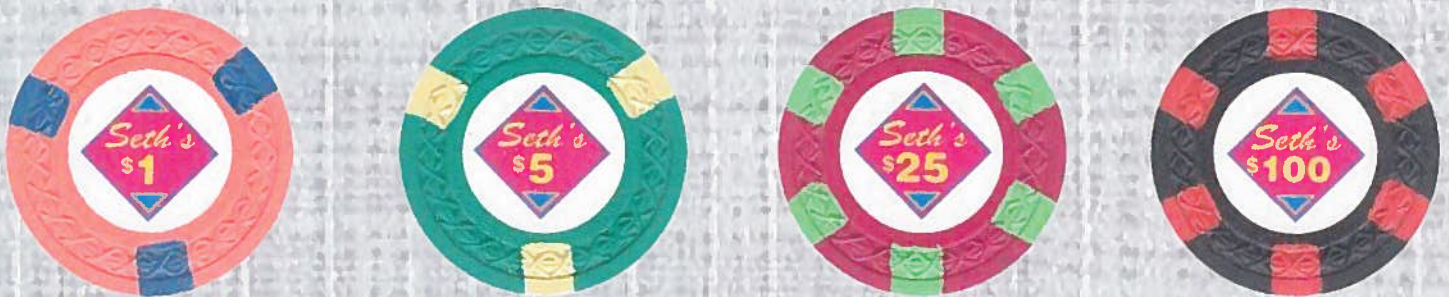
Blind Fury (1989)

Rutger Hauer stars as Nick Parker, a blind Vietnam vet who returns home to help a friend named Devereaux, a man who is being menaced by crooked casino thugs who claim he owes them money. Scenes filmed in Reno and Las Vegas feature these "SS" (Silver State Casino) chips created for the film by adding \$25 & \$100 stickers to actual, obsolete Nevada chips.



Boiler Room (2000)

Giovanni Ribisi plays Seth Davis, owner/operator of an illegal home casino called "Seth's"... the movie is more about a shady brokerage firm named J.T. Marlin which Seth joins as a junior associate. The story has a predictable "Wall Street"-like finish. Very cool "Seth's" chips were produced for the film on a basket weave mold.



Casino (1995)

Martin Scorsese's masterpiece stars Robert DeNiro as casino operator Sam 'Ace' Rothstein and Joe Pesci as brutal gangster Nicky Santoro. The two old friends end up in Las Vegas where jealousy, greed, power, money, and women drive them apart. These hot-stamped "Tangiers" chips were created for the Oscar-nominated film.



Casino Royale (2006)

Daniel Craig's first turn as 007 was a smashing success in this James Bond blockbuster. Bond is on the trail of terrorist financier/banker Le Chiffre, and the two deadly adversaries wind up on opposite sides of a high stakes poker table at "Casino Royale" in Montenegro. Elegant chips and plaques were manufactured for the film by Cartamundi.



The Godfather, Part II (1974)

Francis Ford Coppola's brilliant sequel won 6 Oscars, including Best Picture and Best Director in 1974. Al Pacino stars as family mob boss Michael Corleone, whose many business interests include casinos in Nevada and a gaming investment in Cuba, where these stickered "Havana Capri" chips were presumably in play.



The Hangover (2009)

"The Hangover" is a bachelor-party-gone-wrong classic that stars Bradley Cooper, Ed Helms, and Zach Galifianakis as friends victimized by the glitter, glitz, and excess of Sin City – Las Vegas, Nevada. These very realistic-looking, faux "Riviera" chips appeared briefly in a gambling scene in the 2009 movie.



Jinxed (1982)

Bette Midler stars as Bonita Friml, a marginally talented lounge singer whose boyfriend, portrayed by Rip Torn, is a professional gambler. The pair find a hapless blackjack dealer (Ken Wahl) who can't seem to win a single hand against them (he's jinxed, get it?) These hot-stamped "Harrah's" chips were created especially for the film.



Knight Rider (TV: 2008-2009)

These "Corsica Casino" chips appeared in an episode of the 2008 re-boot of the old 1980's television series "Knight Rider." Justin Bruening was the star of this short-lived series, taking his place in the driver's seat of KITT that was previously occupied by David Hasselhoff.



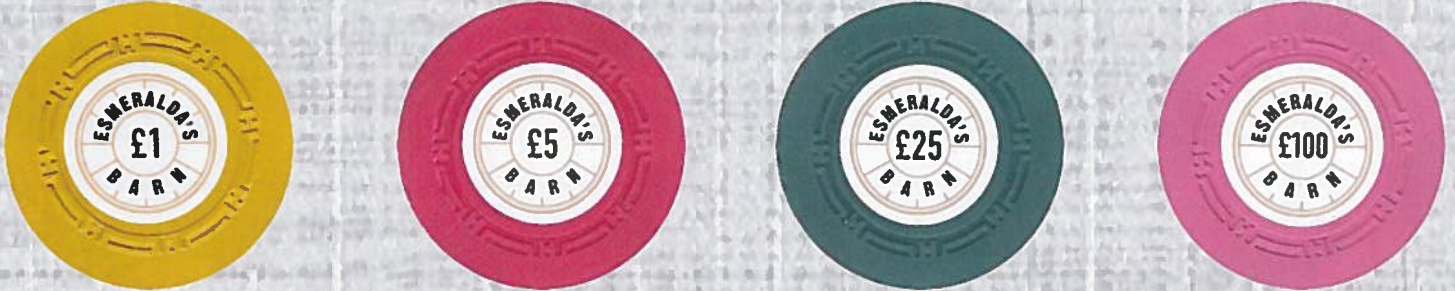
Las Vegas (TV: 2003-2008)

James Caan and Josh Duhamel star as Ed Deline and Danny McCoy, security chiefs at the luxurious (and sadly fictional) "Montecito Hotel & Casino" in Las Vegas. These chips were among those in use during the five seasons that "Las Vegas" ran on NBC Television. These chips occasionally show up on other TV shows. Due to budget constraints, casino footage from one show is sometimes purchased and edited into another program.



Legend (2015)

Tom Hardy stars in this tale of real-life, identical twin gangsters Reggie & Ronald Kray. Terrors of the London underworld in the 1960's, the Krays were the owners of a nightclub/casino called "Esmeralda's Barn." These high-quality, H-mold chips were in evidence during several gambling scenes in the 2015 British film.



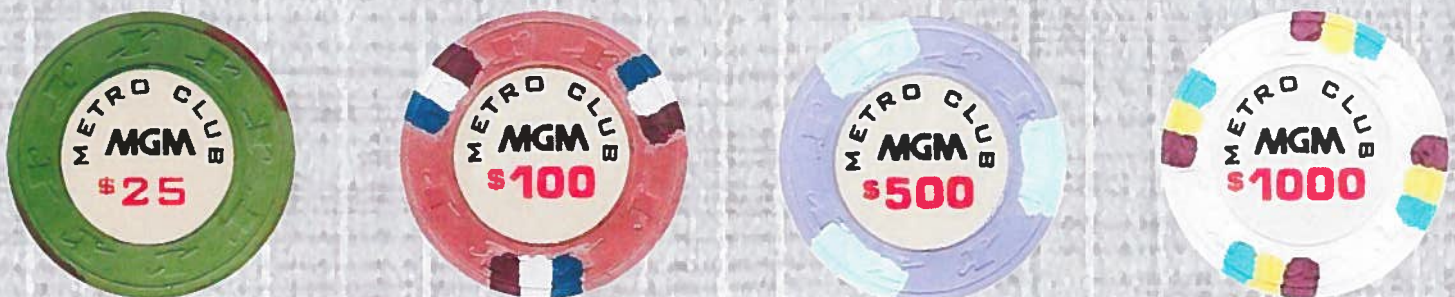
License To Kill (1989)

This is Timothy Dalton's second and final appearance as British secret agent James Bond. Bond's super-villain adversary this time is a drug kingpin named Franz Sanchez, played by actor Robert Davi. Sanchez's base of operations is the "Casino De Isthmus City" where these H&C chips are seen in great abundance.



Lookin' To Get Out (1982)

Jon Voight and Ann-Margret star in this tale of two hard-luck, professional gamblers who bust out in New York City, then decide to travel to Las Vegas to try and turn their luck around in the gambling capital of the world. These stickered "MGM Metro Club" chips were produced specifically for the film.



Lucky You (2007)

Eric Bana plays professional poker player Huck Cheever – a man who seems to be his own worst enemy, with table moves that are sometimes brilliant, but oftentimes inexplicable. Robert Duvall and Drew Barrymore also star in the film which features these faux “Horseshoe” chips.



Ocean's Eleven (2001)

This 2001 remake of the 1960 Frank Sinatra classic stars George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, and many other Hollywood stars. It's a multi-casino-robbery-caper film that features these stickered “Bellagio” chips in several scenes which involve the ultra-high-security casino vault. There were actually two different molds used for these vault prop chips – dragons and diamonds.



Ocean's 13 (2007)

Danny Ocean's good-hearted gang assembles for the third time to seek revenge on crooked casino developer Willy Bank (Al Pacino), who cheated Reuben Tishkoff (Elliott Gould) out of his partnership in the new, ultra-luxurious “Bank Hotel & Casino” in Las Vegas. These terrific chips are seen on tables all across the casino floor.



Poseidon (2006)

Director Wolfgang Petersen's 2006 remake of the 1972 blockbuster "The Poseidon Adventure" stars Kurt Russell as Robert Ramsey, a former mayor of New York City. Ramsey happens to be onboard the cruise ship Poseidon with his daughter when the liner capsizes on New Year's Eve. These stylish chips are seen during a poker game in the ship's casino.



Revolver (2005)

Action star Jason Statham stars as Jake Green, a recently released convict who decides to take revenge on the guy who sent him to prison. That man is Dorothy 'Mr. D' Macha, a violent casino owner played by Ray Liotta. These top-quality Chipcos were manufactured exclusively for the 2005 film which was directed by Guy Ritchie.



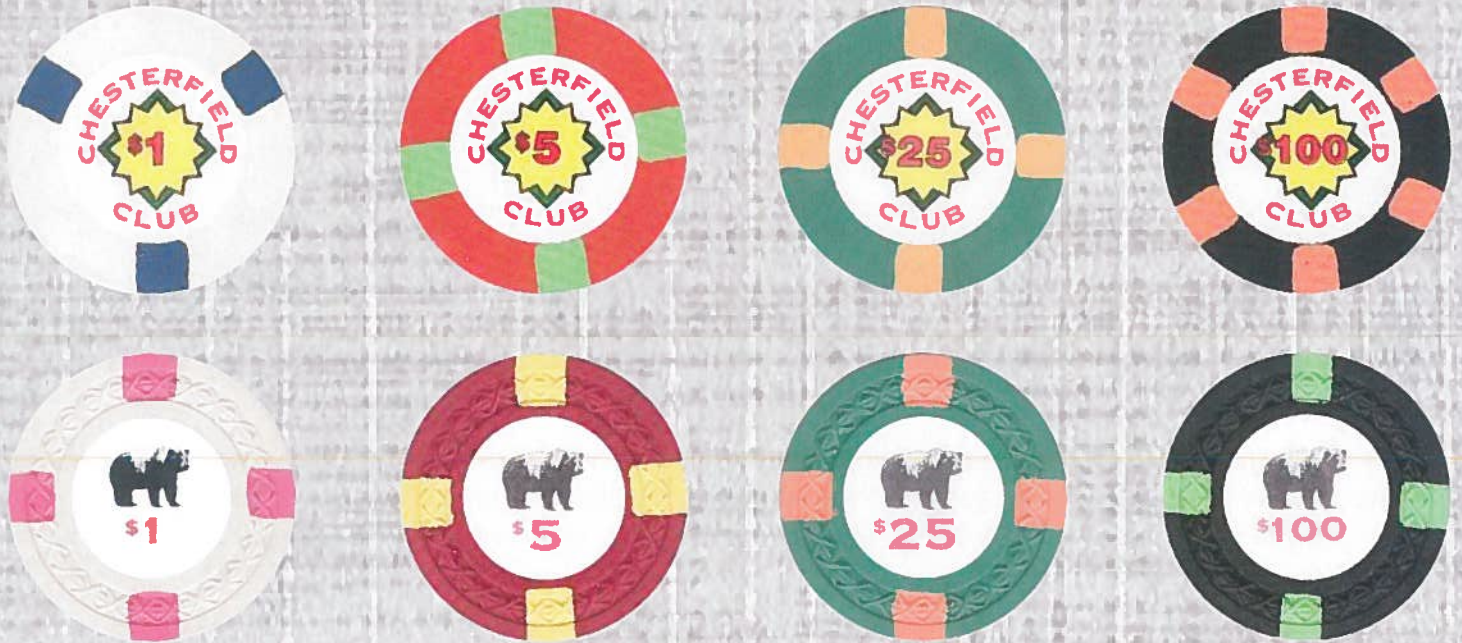
Rush Hour 2 (2001)

Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker star as Inspector Lee and Detective Carter, an unlikely pair of lawmen on the trail of a gang of counterfeiters in Hong Kong. The Triad gangsters' trail leads Lee and Carter to Las Vegas where these wonderful prop chips are seen in the fictional "Red Dragon Casino."



Rounders (1998)

The film that triggered the modern poker renaissance, "Rounders" stars Matt Damon and Edward Norton as Mike and Worm – a couple of part-time poker hustlers. Mike is also making a half-hearted attempt at law school while dreaming of the WSOP. Gambling scenes are staged primarily in the "Chesterfield" and "Teddy KGB's" – a pair of New York City underground card clubs.



Skyfall (2012)

This was Daniel Craig's third appearance as James Bond/007. His opponent this time is the ruthless villain Silva played by Javier Bardem – a man hell-bent on the destruction of Britain's intelligence service, MI-6. One of Bond's stops in his pursuit of Silva is the fictional "Floating Dragon Casino" in Macau. The vast majority of these chips out there are replicas. They were manufactured by Cartamundi (the same company that made the actual chips used on film) for home poker sets.



Tilt (TV: 2005)

A nine-episode mini-series, "Tilt" is a look inside the world of professional poker from the players' point of view. The three lead characters are card sharps Don 'The Matador' Everest, Lee Nickel and Eddie Towne (Michael Madsen, Chris Bauer and Eddie Cibrian). These "Colorado Casino" chips were seen throughout the 2005 production.



Tomcats (2001)

Jerry O'Connell, Shannon Elizabeth and Jake Busey star in this wacky story of a man who loses all his money in a Las Vegas casino – then must go to ridiculous lengths to pay off his debts. The "Hard Road" chips featured in the film are strikingly similar to several actual "Hard Rock Casino" chip releases.



Vegas (TV: 2012)

Many of us had high hopes for this 2012 TV series loosely based on the exploits of former Las Vegas Sheriff Ralph Lamb (Dennis Quaid)... sadly, success and longevity were not in the cards for "Vegas" – but at least we got these great, retro "Savoy Casino" chips.



Viva Laughlin (TV: 2007)

A short-lived TV series from 2007 that was cancelled by CBS after only two episodes. Co-executive-produced by Hugh Jackman, this “musical-comedy-drama” told the story of a man whose #1 goal in life was to open a casino and hotel in Laughlin, Nevada. I believe this \$5 “Fontanas” chip (front and back shown) is the only denomination to escape from the production.



The World Is Not Enough (1999)

Pierce Brosnan is James Bond/007 in this tale of international commerce, intrigue and violence. Bond's pursuit of a terrorist named Renard leads him to a massive oil pipeline project in Asia where he encounters his old enemy Valentin Zukovsky (Robbie Coltrane). These chips are briefly spotted in "Zukovsky's" private casino.



- **Do you have a humorous casino story, collecting, or harvesting story?**
- **Do you have story about a member alive or who has past that you liked, admired, or was a good friend?**
- **How did you get involved in collecting casino items?**

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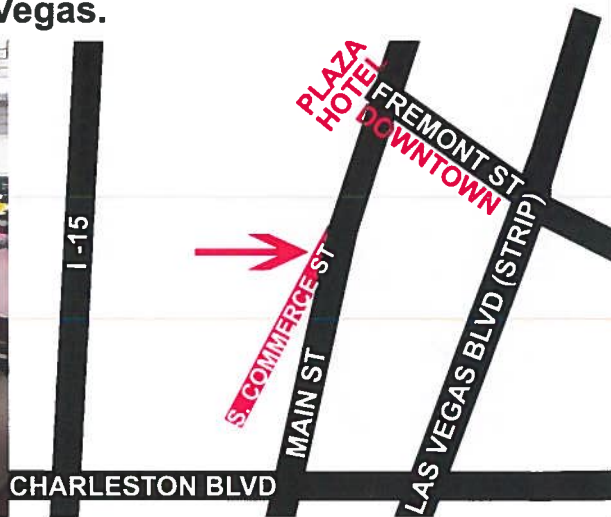
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Sheldon & Christine Smith LM 82 & LM 83



It's my pleasure to feature one of the most prominent power couples in our Club today. I really got to know them two years ago when I moved to Las Vegas. To know one is to know both. They seem inseparable and work together very effectively. They are often referred to as "Team Smith." Among their many activities, they are also the 2017 Casino Collectibles Club Convention Co-Chairs. This will be their third and final year at the helm. As you will read below, you will see they are very accomplished professionals and it shows in their demeanor when dealing with Club issues. I present to you, "Team Smith" Sheldon and Christine.

Jerry: Tell us where you are from, how you met, children, grandchildren. What careers did you both have. Are you retired or still actively working?

Christine: I was born and raised in Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania and I have lived in 9 states (PA, MA, NJ, NY, FL, GA, CO, IL and NV) and 1 foreign country (Bermuda). Sheldon and I are (happily) each other's "Second" spouse. We met here in Las Vegas on April 4, 1986, specifically at the Front Desk of the Hotel, which I remember to be the MGM Grand and Sheldon believes it to have been already renamed as Bally's! Neither of us is "giving" up on our "remembrance!" Between us, we have three (3) grown children and seven (7) grandchildren. One son lives in Aurora, CO and has three (3) children, ages 22 to 27. Our other son and wife live in Libertyville, IL with their two (2) children, ages 16 and 19; and our daughter and her husband live in Glen Ellyn, IL with their two (2) children, ages 3 and 5. We moved to Las Vegas in October 2008 from Glencoe, IL, about 25 miles north of Chicago. I have a Bachelor's degree from the Univ. of Massachusetts and a Law Degree and a Master's Degree from Loyola University in Chicago. I worked for the U.S. Department of Labor in Chicago in regulatory enforcement as the Senior Trial Attorney and Counsel for Mine Safety and Health. Prior to law school, I worked as a High School English and history teacher (in FL, MA and at Naval Air Station Bermuda); a hotel sales and catering director at various Denver convention hotels; and an Administrator for a national test preparation company which is what I was doing when I met Sheldon! He swept me off my feet on the night I met him and he still does! I moved from my beloved Denver to be with him in the Chicagoland area but I kept my football loyalty with the Denver Broncos! I did, however, move my baseball loyalty to the Chicago Cubs! Who doesn't love the Cubs, right?

Sheldon: YIKES! Christine claims She doesn't like to write, I like to write even less then she does I think! I am from Chicago, Skokie, Glencoe and now reside in Las Vegas! We love Las Vegas! I was told I would never leave the Chicago land area but after 62 winters in Chicago here we are!

Moved here in October 2008 and not a single regret! Miss our friends, made some new ones, miss the grandkids but found out how to stay in touch! I worked for Lord Voldemort, my ex Washington Post Company connection, I refuse to use their name and then went out on my own in 1992 with a not-for-profit educational enterprise called TestWatch Research Institute, not very successful and I won't go into that! Christine has been working since she was teenager, she has been an attorney/litigator for the Department of Labor, a teacher, a sales person and she is now a hearing officer for the Southern Nevada Health District. I now buy and/sell on eBay daily.

We met here on April 4, 1986, at the assistant manager's desk at the MGM/Ballys, I screwed up her reservation and I said TRUST ME!, HA! HA!, MGM sold to Ballys during April 1986. I have a receipt from the sale but it is not clear when in April exactly the transition occurred. We both worked for the same company and met here at a convention! Would not speak to her the first year as she replaced one of my hires! The rest is history for another day!!

Jerry: Top ten things you like about the club.

Christine: 1. The Camaraderie;



2. The very INTERESTING PEOPLE we have met through our Club;
3. The amazing knowledge of our Club members;
4. The interesting "stuff" that is related to the casino industry that mostly only other Club members fully appreciate!;
5. CONVENTIONS!;
6. The HISTORY we learn as we travel around and talk to people;
7. How, when you want to find something out, there is always someone willing and able to help you!;
8. The sense of "family" we share with our local friends -- we "get" each other!;

9. That you have an immediate group of people who we KNOW like the same things we do!;

10. That the Club has an opportunity to retain historical items related to gaming history!

Sheldon: Not sure anymore there are top ten things I like about the club anymore. When we joined, there were 3000 members and we got numbers 5087-A, changed that when we got our life numbers # 82-83 and thought there were 5000 members, here we are 15-16 years later, member numbers in the 8000 range and only 1500 members! Did a lot of club research on declining memberships and why people join/don't join/drop out, etc... Lot to do with how they are treated as they enter the club! Years ago, the CHIPBOARD was full of nastiness and now not so much but the numbers of different folks that post have dropped too! Some members I believe have never developed a graceful way of saying things, turns people off!

I have been fortunate to have developed a lot of friends both past and present in the hobby and the club. We joined after meeting Janice O'Neal at the Gamblers General Store and she told me about the hobby, showed me a chip, I bought it, showed me TCR # 8 and gave me a membership app. BANG! ZOOM! WE WERE IN! The rest is lost in antiquity!

Sheldon: There area goodly number of folks that we have become very friendly with and I suspect in the long run that's the best thing about the club! I honestly don't know why almost everybody that collects casino memorabilia doesn't join! Way more fun than staring at you stuff in your house or closet!

Jerry: What could the club do to improve its image and member base?

Christine: Be nicer to each other on the Chip Board! Some of the things people say to each other totally astonishes me and disappoints me at times. Words hurt. Some people won't forgive and forget real or imagined "wrongs" and some members have preconceived notions that no amount of facts can dissuade. I would like to see more kindness and appreciation towards others.

Sheldon: We need to continue outreach and it has been one of my keenest disappointments that although I pushed hard, perhaps too hard, why I wasn't re-elected, YOU THINK? To get us to send out thank you's to the folks that came to the annual convention but were not yet members, with an invitation to join us, got them to do it one year and then... Sort of sour grapes on my part, too bad, I guess????

Tried all sorts of incentives and still no luck! Offered the entire set of all medals and medallions and chip sets one year: result pretty much squat!

We need a sugar daddy with big bucks who owns a casino or an interest in one to do our pushing with. All of the millennials that come to town are now looking to play E-Sports, NO CHIPS!



Jerry: In your opinion, how can the club attract new members, both young and old?

Christine: Talk up the Club with your friends and neighbors, your children and anybody who will listen! Serve as a good example of the BEST that our Club can offer. Talk about your collections! Be enthusiastic about the history of gambling and casinos and "casino culture!" Invite someone to come to a local club meeting or to the Convention on our FREE Admission day -- offer to pick someone up and bring them to the South Point! If you're "out and about" with non-member friends or family, drop by one of the Museum of Gaming History displays downtown! Incorporate the appreciation of gaming in the history of Las Vegas or wherever you are! Take someone to the Mob Museum and point out the gaming items there. Take a friend to the Neon Museum and talk about the "old days." Make history FUN! Our hobby celebrates history, talk it up!

Sheldon: I believe we need to spend more money on advertising who we are, we need to find grant writers to push the MoGH along, Westen Charles has big success but they pay in his operation for a grant writer, we pay no one. Perhaps time for change in that! When I was treasurer of the Illinois Association of College Admission Counselors we had a big argument over increasing the scope of our part time Executive Director, I pushed for that role to expand! You cannot possibly succeed with volunteers alone, too much change over, not enough continuity of purpose!

Jerry: What casino memorabilia do you collect/specific interests?

Christine: Our collection is \$1 Nevada chips and I really like the "coin-in-center" chips. But, if I were starting a new collection, I would go for "illegals!" It really bothers me that I lived in Chicago for 20 years and we only have a few Chicago illegals in our collection! Personally, I like quirky things! I like gaming-related board and dice games and gaming "toys." I really like old playing cards from foreign countries. I especially LOVE jewelry with a gaming-theme and Sheldon has bought me quite a few Casino Monaco chip necklaces and bracelets and I love them! I like dice and Sheldon had a necklace and earrings set made for me with dice that can never add up to "7!"

Sheldon: We are known as ONENEVADADOLLAR! We collect everything! I have included a couple of photos to give you an idea!



Jerry: How did you get started collecting?

Christine: I have loved “collecting” since I was a child. I started with porcelain dogs, paper dolls, dolls from foreign countries and “holy cards” (you will only understand that if you went to Catholic grade school)! I used to collect pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters – until I turned into a teen and decided to spend them! As I grew older, I started collecting owls, old wedding cake toppers and baskets. I still collect rocks -- lots and lots of rocks! I also collect flamingos – our favorite flamingo is one we got from Allan Anderson. It came off the outside of the Flamingo Hilton in Reno and it is one of our BIGGEST treasures (it’s taller than me) and it lights up! It’s too big for our house, so it’s outside in our back yard. WE started collecting casino memorabilia because of a chance meeting with Janice O’Neal. She was selling chips when we met her! We couldn’t believe that people actually BOUGHT chips! We thought you just stuck one in your pocket while playing Blackjack! We bought our first chip from Janice – I believe it was a \$1 Dunes chip and we paid \$12 for it! But, I wanted it because that was from the first place Sheldon took me to dinner! Our next purchase was two resource books – the Chip Rack and the Campiglia and Wells book. We were hooked! I like collecting chips because I think many are mini works of art! Some are funny and some are beautiful, just like people!

Sheldon: We used to come to Las Vegas, pick up a token or a chip, stick it in our pockets, put it in a green felt bag and then came to town and found Janice O’Neal. Came to our first convention in 2001 and started chasing every \$1 CIC chip we could find!

Jerry: What advice would you give new members?

Christine: Get involved. Read – there is a wealth of information out there! Join a local Club. Talk to people. Think about what you like and want to have around you before you start buying! Start small and go slow at first. Don’t buy things as an “investment” – buy things because you like them! We actually live with our “stuff!” I enjoy having our things out around us. I like seeing what we have and remembering where we were when we got the item! Your collection doesn’t have to make sense to anyone else, so long as it is what you want and what you like! COME TO THE CONVENTION if you can!

Sheldon: When asked I tell them to pick an area of interest, try it out, don’t go scatter shot across the deck. I tell them; and most collect chips, pick a type, a price range, a location, a type of chip: \$1 chips, small town chips, strip chips, extinct casino chips, rural chips, small town casino chips, etc.!

Team Smith's Final Words:

Christine: Many of our friends think we're "crazy!" They look around our house and shake their heads and . . . we don't care! I love our "stuff!" We've traveled around Nevada and love "small-town" Nevada! We still hunt for treasures in every small town and, sometimes, we get lucky! It is the hunt that is exhilarating! We enjoy having chips from closed casinos and know that what we have around us is historical! I love history and I believe in preserving gaming history! Thanks, Jerry, for the honor of your interview. I appreciate your enthusiasm for the Club and the hobby! Keep up your good work!



Sheldon: The most fascinating part of our hobby is the history! I look back to the days before legal gambling in Nevada, before, before and then again in 1931. I look at the early pioneers of the casino industry both the good guys and the bad guys! Chris and I were fortunate enough to play poker with Jackie Gaughan for a few years before he passed away. His sorties and the stories of people around him brought our hobby to life! We love driving around Nevada looking for small towns and seeing what's left.

We even found the Montgomery Pass Casino or what's left of it after it burned. We stopped, we looked around, we were in awe that they built a casino in Montgomery Pass! Chris discovered the Sheldon National Wildlife Sanctuary in far north west Nevada and we drove all the way through, came out in Oregon, drove down in California and ended up back in Las Vegas! We love that stuff and we love the hobby and we love 99.000897 of the members too!

Jerry's Final Words:

When I approached Sheldon and Christine to do this dual interview, I asked them not to collaborate on the answers. My goal was to show their own personalities and opinions. Mission accomplished! Their strengths are in their commitment to each other. They have served the Club in many capacities. Co-chairing the Club Convention is no easy feat. It is fitting that we pay tribute to them in this issue as we approach our 25th Convention anniversary. I've always found them approachable and friendly. You may contact them at: sheldon655@hotmail.com

ANOTHER SAN DIEGO TRIP: BY STEVE GOBEL

Greetings and Salutations to One and All!

I've been at it again: Another trip to San Diego, More casinos that I didn't hit last time. You'd think gambling was the country's only pastime! [This coming from a Las Vegas grin] I didn't take interstate 15 down. Been there/done that. Desert back route was fun on last trip, but why repeat again so soon? So I took the "scenic route" of US 95 down the California side of the Colorado River, cut across the desert on SR 78 to Brawly/Imperial, and joined Interstate 8 in El Centro. Yeah, it's a MUCH longer drive, Google maps says 453 miles, 7h 18 min. Took me 10+ hours with stops, vs. 5 hours zipping straight down the I-15. Road Trip vs. Commute, one's fun, one's a 5 hour traffic jam.



Havasu Landing Casino

Small Casino, friendly people. On the way down US 95 is Lake Havasu CA, an 18 mile drive from the highway. Sign says not to annoy the wild burros on the road. I didn't see any, they must have had the day off.

The casino is not much to see, not at all flashy or casino looking. It's on 3 levels with lots of stairs. For me on my Riding Lawnmower (Mobility Scooter) I had to go outside and up the side of the place to another set of doors for each level. They did however try to make things more accessible as they have a lift for wheelchairs. A very personable security guard saw me scooting around and was quite happy to help me get on the lift and she operated it from the floor 5 feet above me. It goes up the 5 feet to the next level (restaurant, players club) and all of a sudden as I motor forward, the lift begins to very slowly sink back down. I reverse the scooter to keep from being flipped over, half on half off the lift as it descends back to the main slot floor, waving goodbye to the security guard during the decent. She's calling for help, and several managers gathered by the time it reached the bottom. They decided to mark the lift out of order, and showed me the outside path.

I made my way to the top level with the 4 table games, 2 dealers standing at empty tables, an old man pit boss slouched in a chair nearby. A friendly dealer, happy to have something to do. Lost my one BJ hand... asked the dealer if he'd give me two blue 50 cent chips as I tossed 2 \$1 chips his way. "A dollar for the chips, and a token for you." Dealer looked to the old man, who nodded OK, and I got my 50 centers.

That level with the table games has large windows overlooking the river. You can sit at the bar or get a drink (in my case, a glass of water) and sit right at the windows, slow down and watch the water. It's a Road Trip, not a commute to San Diego...

Slot club sign up gets you discounts for dining, but the best is a free ride on the ferry across the River to the Arizona Side. I'd say most of the patrons arrive that way from AZ, not the California US 95 route.

It's a joint, but a friendly place. I'd go back again.

The Harvest: (Silly, but I like the slot machine clasp on the Bungee)



Barona Casino

Barona has beautiful grounds. There is a construction zone, building something new.

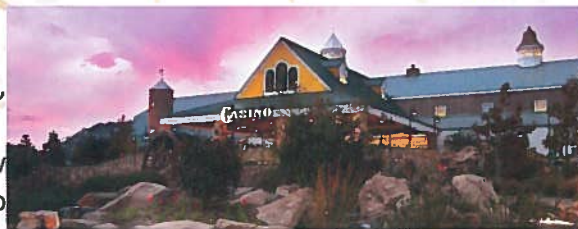
Friendly dealer and pit boss. Boss agreed to let me play Pai Gow for \$10 / hand on a table marked for \$15. Table was empty, so why not coax me into sitting down and opening it up? As a player

I have always figured this to be a good move. Most bosses don't seem to think so. A lot I don't know about the business, I guess. Lost my \$10 but won \$3 on whatever the \$1 side bet was for.

I talked to the dealer about chip collecting, I asked if he had a better \$25 chip in his tray, and he traded out my chip for the one I've pictured. The \$25 chip is their old rack, as are the \$100 and \$500, which he briefly flipped onto the felt to show me how worn they were too. The dealer said someone had tried to counterfeit the higher denomination chips, so they put the old worn rack of Chipco's back into play. I wonder if a totally new rack will be coming out soon to solve the problem?

I went to the food court to check out the munchies. The \$1 Street Taco caught my attention. I bought 2 Carne Asada, with the works: Salsa, Onion, Cilantro, Guacamole. Nummy Munchie, and cheap for Casino food! It's nice to get a snack for pocket change. I bought 5 more as I left, to take back to the motel for dinner. (Oink!)

The Harvest:



Hollywood Jamul Casino

Big new casino owned by Penn National Gaming. Seems the locals weren't too happy about it: there were several signs on the road saying Stop the Casino and 97% of residents don't want the casino. I received a warm welcome, I can see why they didn't want it. This gigantic building is in the middle of their nice rural "town".

Pai Gow the old fashioned way, a real pleasure! Joker: Aces Straight Flushes. 5% commission, and only one side bet for Envy. Should have done it, but it's \$5 to envy other hands and I only put out \$1, as there was only one other guy at the table. How was I supposed to know he'd have a flush... Won my hand so the \$10 min bet returned \$9.50 paid by a \$5, \$2.5, \$1, \$1. So, a snapper for the collection without having a Blackjack, or trying to chase the snapper down.

When I signed up for the club card, the girl said that I already had one issued at the "M". "Oh, you're managed by Penn National"

"Yeah, we're a small tribe and tried for years to get a casino going, and partnered up with Penn to do it." So, no new member freebies for me.

Not my favorite drive down to the casino, but I'd go back just for the no frills Pai Gow.

The Harvest: (If you didn't know these chips, saw one for the first time, would you think South Dakota?)



Sycuan Casino

Best Non-Smoking Casino! Non-Smokers get to play in a room of their own that is closed off from the smoking part of the casino. The lack of smoke smell is quite noticeable when going from one side to the other. Nothing like the places that have a few machines in a given area designated Non-Smoking, or 1 Table Games pit for Non-Smokers. Yes, it's nice to not be sitting next to a nicotine chimney, but still the smell gets all over you from just being in the same building. Conventional wisdom is that Non-Smoking casinos don't fare well, I'd be curious to see how Sycuan is doing with this large room. My bet would be that people love it. I did!



Another casino in a construction zone. As you drive up it looks like they're tearing the place down. Lost my Pai Gow hand. Must have been because I was in the smoking section as there wasn't a Pai Gow table open in Non-Smoking. {grin}

Went around to the Poker room in search of \$2,3,4,10,20 chips. It finally dawned on me that I should bring up the MOGH ChipGuide on my cell phone to show the cashier what I was looking for. Great for explaining the hobby as most of the cashiers are surprised to find out that there is a data base of every casino's chips, minus the ones we collectors just haven't found yet.

Poker cashier said she didn't have any 2's or other odd goodies. Other cashiers said that she did... Didn't complain as she was nice enough to find me a better \$25 than I'd pulled from the table. As she was looking through her racks, she pulled out the 25 year \$25 Chip. Did I have/want that chip? No wonder they can build onto the casino. If they can't win the money at the tables, they get suckers like me that walk out with \$50+ in chips.



The Harvest:

P.S. Look at how dirty and worn these chips are. Maybe collectors shouldn't bemoan the premium asked by dealers for New and SU chips obtained as soon as they come out. You certainly can't go to the casino (at least the busy casinos) and get them in great condition anytime later!

La Posta

On the same off ramp as the Golden Acorn, other side of the Freeway. Up the narrow hilly road with no guardrails.

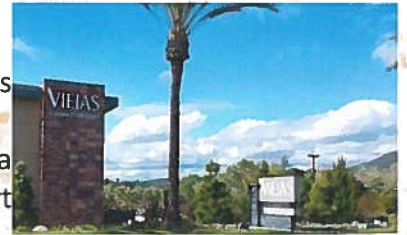
It's been closed for years. I can see why. I wouldn't want to drive that road at night even though it's only about a mile, not with the Golden Acorn just off the freeway.

No Harvest!



Viejas Casino

How is Las Vegas supposed to survive when every Tribe in San Diego is shortstopping all of the gambling money to build new space for their casinos? Easiest to get to of all the San Diego casinos. Not the closest, but it's just a straight shot out I-8. No twisty back-a\$\$ mountain roads. Well, there is a short distance on Willow Road off the freeway, but not bad.



Lots of Player's Club/Cashier cages in this place, one in every segment of the casino. The guy who signed me up for the club card was really nice. I got my 2 x \$5 free play chips (one for sale...) and headed off for the tables. A little BJ and I got the 2 house \$5's \$1, and \$25.

I thought it a bit odd that the free play chips are notched although still valid, maybe to keep the cashiers from cashing them? Also make me wonder if there are any un-notched chips out there. They might be scarce.... Went back to my club guy and asked about chips. He said Oh Yeah, and had set aside the \$5 set of three 20 year chips. He said he didn't have the \$25, but I could get one from one of the other cashiers. As I urned to scoot off, a Slot attendant girl was walking by, he called to her and asked her to take me to the fill cage. She did alright, to an employees only area, then took off. There was someone ahead of me. Within a minute a Casino Manager looking guy came out and asked what I was doing there. Told him how I arrived and what I wanted. He somewhat gruffly told the cashier to find the chip, then handed it to me for the \$25 cash I'd dug out of my wallet, and made it obvious I should scoot off. Got the chip, but not the chance to talk to the cashier and see if she had any other goodies in the cage.

OK, I went nuts here. I left the last place with \$50+ in chips. Why not \$75 here? I mean, I'm smarter than the losers who just gamble their money away to the casino, right? At least I walked away with a few dollars at the cost of ceramic and clay!

The Harvest:



Golden Acorn Casino



Finally the last of San Diego... Yuma Arizona Next! I really took the scenic route home, up the Arizona side of the Colorado River. \$10 in free play when you sign up for the slot card, and if you ask, they'll give it as table play. Yipee!

I took the \$10 voucher to the \$3 Blackjack Table. Won the hand! Ok, time to play a bit, can't resist \$3 BJ! Play 5 hands for the price of one in those other "Strip in the Sticks" casino's elsewhere in the county. Played a few hands with the casino's money, and as per my steadfast rule, left the table up a couple of bucks - never let them have it all back! {grin}

Nice little rest stop. Gas a bit pricey. Decent \$5 personal pizza, but takes 20 mins. Cool tables in the food court. The Harvest:



Windy! As evidenced by all of the wind turbines in the area. Take a light jacket or sweater even on a warmer day. It's good for what it says it is, A Travel Center. Get some Gas, Get some munchies, sit a few minutes at a slot or a few hands of cards and then be on your way.

Quechan Casino

Yuma AZ area.

OK, Still in California, but just a few miles into Yuma.

Very nice. Friendly. Hard to get to! No signage on Freeway until too late to turn in. (But it is a construction zone)

Checked into my motel room and set out again, taking the "back" road in from Yuma, it was a teeth chattering experience.

Re-surface it or grind it to gravel, but do something about it!

Owned by same Tribe as Paradise, Ft Yuma. They've concentrated their resources here and let Paradise go to the weeds.

Played a hand a 21 and lost. No surprise. I went to the poker room, manager there was quite affable. He was at least mildly interested in the ChipGuide data base, asked me what web address, as I asked if any hidden goodies in his drawer. Sold me the \$2, no problem.

The Harvest:

P.S. Had to stick in my favorite non-casino pic of the trip. Driving out of Calexico to Yuma. It had been windy, lots of dust in the air. Shot this pic pointing the cell phone at my rearview mirror.



Ft Yuma Paradise

Ft Yuma Dump.

This is the place to go if you're out of ciggies, as breathing in there for 10 minutes will give you one cig equivalent. Reeks of stale smoke. Feels dirty.

Slots only. When I'm one of the higher class people in the place...

Oops! Wouldn't go back if you paid me.

Run by the same tribe as the Quechan. Lady at the Club desk said they took out all the tables and have focused all their attention on Quechan. It shows. So sad, they had great looking chips. Looked good going in...Don't bother.



The Landfill:

Same Card as Quechan...

Cocopah Casino

Nice little place. Easiest of the Yuma Casinos to get to in terms of not having to make a lot of turns. Just a straight shot down one of the main drags. No mountain roads like a lot of the San Diego Casinos.

I didn't get a Players club card as they closed at 11pm. Oops, watch says Midnight. I'd left San Diego at 11 am! {grin}



Only a few tables, \$5 BJ won a few lost a few ... Good Dealer. Fun loving folks at the table, so I stayed longer than my usual one and run. Got a Blackjack! Snapper is



mine - except the dealer's ace up. Had to call even money, and good thing as he had 21 too. 2 hands later, 21 again and no dealer ace this time. Got my snapper! Made \$10. A bad thing, as it'll get me thinking I should stay longer at other tables too. That \$10 and many others would be goners if I start doing that:-)

Bluewater Casino

Parker AZ.

Very Welcoming Friendly People

Lucas Oil Speed Boat racing going on the day I was there. Casino not crowded, everybody was outside. I'll bet after the races the place was packed.

On the river side of the casino they have an indoor series of pools, one of which is a waterslide. You can stand on the upper level just off the casino and watch the rug-rats having fun in the water.

Club Sign up gets you \$5 in free slot play, and while they last, A Bluewater Can/Bottle cozy. I took the blue one and it's great for slapping around a soda can. Such a useable freebie, that it's still in the truck where I was using it, so no picture of it.

Only a few tables open as everyone was outside. Dealer was surprised that I played one hand and ran. (Won the hand) We started talking, as there was no one else around, and I explained that I live in Las Vegas, so finding a BJ game was not difficult, and that My firm rule is never to leave a table down once you're up. The Pit Boss had been listening to us, and nodded his understanding approval. Said to his direction "Sorry but someone else will have to pay for your salary." He didn't say anything but gave a slight smile/look as if there would be plenty of folks to do that.

Had to go to the poker room to get a \$3 chip. Seems that they're not currently using \$2's, as they had no problem with selling the \$3 and said that's all they had of non 1, 5, 25, 100 chips. Dealers and Poker manager chatted with me for a while as the room had just opened and no one else had even come in the door yet.

I'd go back here anytime.

The Harvest:



Spirit Mountain

Slots only. Cashier said they had chips and tokens but got rid of all of them 4 or 5 months ago. I've no idea of what got rid of entails. Sitting in a bucket in a recycling yard somewhere?

Adequate as a locals slot parlor, not a tourist destination. Slot club card has no sign up bonus. Just earn points for Dinner Discounts, whatever. The club lady was trying to explain all of the benefits of the upper levels, and I stopped her saying that if I had that much money to play, it means I'd already won the Lottery, and wouldn't need "points". Got a laugh out of her.

It was a fun trip, but I was exhausted! Skipped going into the Searchlight Casinos. Close enough to home I can hit them on another day trip. Hint for those of you going down 95 to Laughlin: Stop in at the Chevron station just before the Laughlin Cutoff. There's no indication outside, but there's a really good gift shop inside. As a lot of bikers ride by, they've got some CHEAP Leather Jackets, Vests, Saddlebags and the like. I'd have never guessed if I'd not gone in, in search of a sandwich or snack!

OHIO CHIP SHOW

by Steve Miller

Once again Mark Britton has done it. His Sixth Annual Ohio Casino Collectibles Show was held on April 8th this year . For the second time, the show was at the Hilton Gardens Inn, Cleveland, near the airport. This location is convenient, near major highways, and a cab ride from the airport. Mark has always tried to find a location that has a hotel attached, so dealers from other areas can stay in one location. Yet, he has been able to keep the cost of a table reasonable, so even a collector can afford to set up. Mark has raffles all day long; including one for the dealers only; this year the dealer got reimbursed the cost of the table.



John Chopect, Don Abdlhour, Mark Britton, Steve Miller, Chuck Gajewski

Mark's show has an assortment of dealers selling all kinds of casino memorabilia. This year, dealers came from Northern Nevada, Michigan, Kentucky, Massachusetts, and New Jersey to name a few places. The shows advertising is done through local outlets to attract new people to collecting casino memorabilia, through the ChipBoard and other collecting sites for those already collecting. Turn out at the shows are always a mixture of club members, locals with a interest in casinos, and even a few looky-loos as walk ins (I actually did very well with one of them late in the show.)

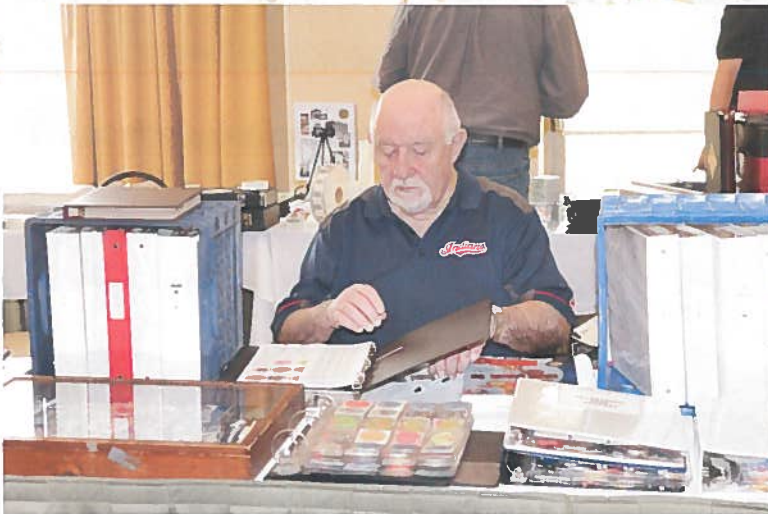


Jim Steffner, Mark Britton



Along with arranging the show Mark, prepares other events for those traveling to the show. There is a trading session on Friday night before the show so everyone can meet and get together. On Saturday night after the show, most of the dealers with their spouses, meet in a local restaurant for dinner to close out the show.

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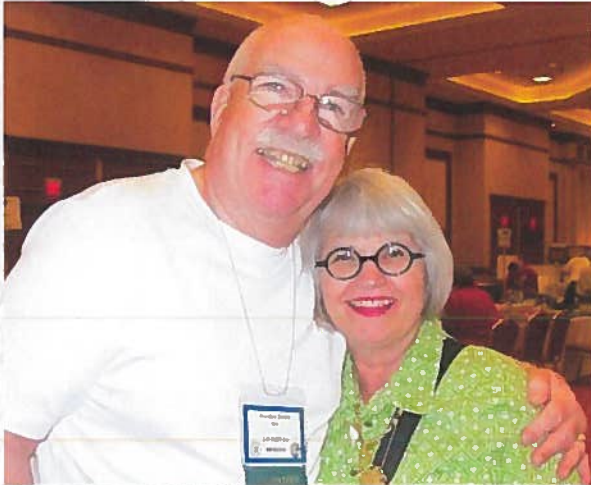
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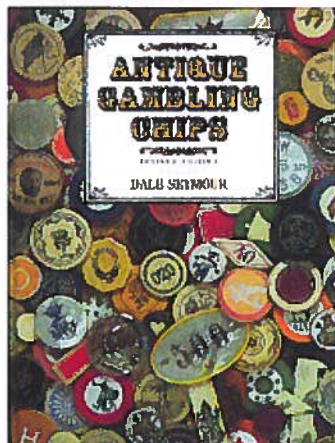
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For more club apparel check out the ‘On-line Club Shop’ on the website www.ccgccc.com.

Logo Usage Policy

The Club has certain logos and symbols which it must protect in order to protect its reputation in the collectibles community. No member is allowed to use the Club name, logo or symbol other than is approved by the by-laws or as otherwise specifically approved in writing by the Board of Directors.

- Only members in good standing may identify themselves as members of the Club
- Any member who identifies himself/herself as a member must affix or state their membership number so as not to confuse the public.
- “Identifies” includes advertising, announcements, business cards, internet websites, internet or live auctions, e-mails and any and all types of communication.
- Every member must make an effort not to confuse the public or lead the public to think that the member represents or speaks for the Club, other than those officers who actually do speak for the Club or those who have been authorized by the Board to speak for the Club.
- No event, show, auction or convention shall use the Club name, logo or symbol for any reason whatsoever unless it is an event, show, auction or convention run by the Club.
- The Board has approved a “Member’s Logo” which contains the member’s membership number. Only that logo may be used by members in their advertising, promotions, business cards, auctions, etc.
- Any other use of the Club name, logo or symbol must be submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval prior to such use.
- The entities formerly known as “Chapters” are prohibited from using the Club name, logo or symbol as representative of their organization

Example



Please contact the Secretary for a copy of the logo with your membership number on it.

CC>CC Claims Form

Up until now, there has never been a uniform, standardized way of filing a Claim against another member for an alleged Code of Ethics violation. Claims have been filed over the years in formats ranging from hand written notes, typed 5-6 page letters to just an email saying "I want to file a claim against _____".

Most of the time the information provided to the Club is vague and/or incomplete. The Claims Director may spend more time gathering basic information that should have been provided in the first place, than on resolving the issue at hand.

This form provides all the basic information needed by the Club, in written form, first hand from the member filing the complaint.

The process will work as follows:

1. Fill out the form completely, sign and date it.
2. Forward it the Vice-President..
3. Vice-President will make an initial determination on the Claim.
4. If further action or investigation is warranted, the Vice-President will forward the form to the Claims Director to open a Claims Investigation.
5. The Claims Director will work to mutually resolve the matter between the parties or if that is not possible, make a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the appropriate action.
6. The Board will act on the recommendation and the final report of the Claims Director. The parties involved will be notified of the final decision of the Board by the Vice-President

IF you find it necessary to file a Claim against a fellow Club member, please help us to resolve the matter as quickly as possible by using the Claims Form.

*The form will be available on the Club website at www.ccgccc.com for you to download and print out. We are working on a program that will allow you to fill out the form online and send it electronically to the

Reward Fund

Several years ago, the Club had a standing offer to help deter theft of member's collections. Somewhere along the way it was either dropped, forgotten or just faded into obscurity. The Board has voted to reintroduce the reward offer. We would like to thank Jim Reilly for his research and assistance with this project. The terms of the offer are similar to those used by the ANA. Please contact any member of the BOD for further information.

The Club offers a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons charged with the theft of any part of a club member's collection.

The Club will pay a reward as follows:

- If the retail value of the stolen property is less than \$5,000, the reward is \$260
- If \$5000 to \$20,000, the reward is \$500
- If greater than \$20,000, the reward is \$1000.

The purpose of this reward offer is to increase the likelihood of apprehending and convicting those who steal from club members, as well as to increase the likelihood of recovering the stolen property. The reward offer, however, is not intended to reimburse any club member's loss. It is each member's responsibility to maintain insurance against losses of this kind.

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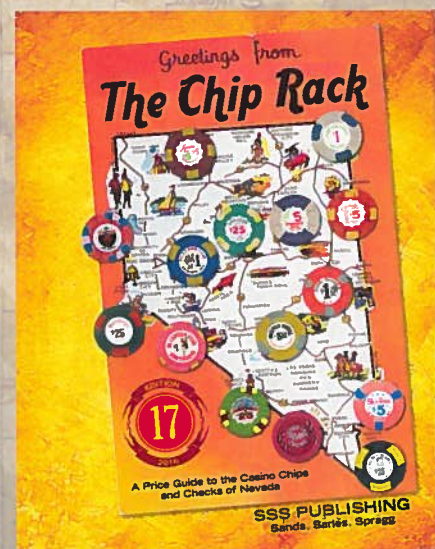
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