

# NEWSLETTER

of the Casino Collectibles Association



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## CONVENTION RECAP!

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Welcome my fellow Club members to this edition of the CCA Newsletter. In this edition we will be highlighting our fantastic Convention/Show.

Steve Palumbo out did himself and gave us one Show to remember. The comments I received from everyone was overwhelming in agreeing that this was one of our best Shows in a long time. There was a lot of excitement in all of the events throughout the Show.

My favorite was the

Personal Chip of the Year contest. We had 93 entries, 12 more than last year.

The Club's Promotions Table, ably managed by Roy Nelson, had a lot of great items for our members to buy.

Our Exhibits, organized by Jim Follis, were very diverse this year with collectibles rarely seen.

Our Club Raffle conducted by Doug Smith was a great success, having a double digit increase over the previous year.

I could go on and on

about all the great things the Club featured at the Show, but I would really be missing the main point.

What I witnessed, many times over, was the camaraderie amongst our membership. The joy of seeing old friends and reconnecting to make new memories. I also saw many members making new friends and establishing long term relationships.

That to me was the most gratifying part of the Show. There is a common thread among

us in our hobby and to see us connect with one another makes me work that much harder to make this Club even better.

This issue of the Newsletter will not have a lot of the features you normally see. This month we are going to make this issue more of a pictorial edition, to give everyone a look at what a great Show we had.

**Jerry Vergatos**  
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**Click Richard Huber, above, and send him an email to be added!**

## **IMPORTANT MAGAZINE (CCN) DEADLINE**

**Summer Issue: May 10, 2019**  
**Robb McPherson**

**Fall Issue: July 31, 2019**  
**Steve Miller**

**Winter Issue: November 15, 2019**  
**Robb McPherson**

**Spring Issue: January 31, 2020**  
**Steve Miller**

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**Welcome to the**  
**Post-Convention Issue!**  
**Read on for details about**  
**what happened at the**  
**World's Largest Casino**  
**Collectibles and Memorabilia**  
**Show on Earth!**

# ON THE DOCKET...

## CCA Board Actions through June, 2019

### **Annual Board Meeting**

On Tuesday, 18 June, 2019, the Board members of the CCA, conducted the annual Board Meeting. All, then current Board Members were in attendance.

### **27th Annual CCA Convention Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**

The Official OPENing of the Club's annual Convention and Show was conducted at 10 am, Thursday, 20 June, 2019

### **Annual Business Meeting**

On Saturday, 22 June, 2019, in accordance with the Club's By-Laws, the Club's Annual Business Meeting was conducted at the South Point Hotel Casino Spa, Joshua Room facility.

### **27th Annual CCA Convention Closed**

The 27th Annual CCA Convention and Show was officially ended at 3 pm, Saturday, 22 June, 2019.

### **New Appointments**

Charles Kaplan has been appointed to the CCA Website Refresh Committee, joining David Spragg and Jim Follis.

Chuck Sikora IV has been appointed as the Social Media Chairman. He replaces Jaydon Ogden. Thank You Jaydon for your service.

Richard Huber has been added to the CCA Newsletter Staff as the eMail Manager.

Welcome new appointees !!

Anyone interested in volunteering to be on a Club Committee should contact Jerry Vergatos at [Vergatos@msn.com](mailto:Vergatos@msn.com)



## **2019 CCA ELECTION**

### **RESULTS**

The following 2019 CCA Election results were reported at the Annual CCA Meeting on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

The nominations for the 2019 CCA Officers and Board of Directors were submitted and tallied.

16 valid nomination forms were received; none were voided.

One member received one nomination for President, and two members received one nomination for Secretary.

Per the CCA Constitution, a member

must receive two nominations to be eligible to run for Office.

David Spragg received a nomination and a second from current CCA members for Secretary and accepted the Nomination.

Jerry Vergatos received a nomination and a second from current CCA members for President and accepted the Nomination.

Therefore, there was no voting for the 2019 election of CCA Officers.

Jerry Vergatos was unopposed for the Office of President, and

David Spragg was unopposed for the Office of Secretary.

Congratulations to Messrs. Vergatos and Spragg. The term for the Offices of President and Secretary will be two years (2019 – 2021).

President-Elect, Jerry Vergatos, and Secretary-Elect, David Spragg, were certified by a vote of the current CCA Board of Directors and Officers.

Respectfully Submitted,  
BRUCE and MARY ANN MASSEY

CCA Election  
Co-Chairmen

## **Congratulations to the following Club Members...**

Hall of Fame Inductee - **Brenda Black**

Robert "Bob" Mera Recruiter of the Year - **Doug Balduini**

Janice O'Neal Book of the Year - **Mark Lighterman** and **Richard Bernhard**

Harvey J. Fuller Article of the Year - **Ed Hertel**

Greg Susong Award - **Jay Sands**

Museum of Gaming History's, Chairman's Award - **Albert Scalzo**

CCA President's Award - **Todd Barrett** and **Steve Palumbo**





# 27th Annual Convention



South Point Hotel & Casino – Las Vegas, NV  
June 20-22, 2019



## Attendance / CCA Convention / Publicity

This year's Convention and Show attendance reflects that we had very favorable attendance. We haven't seen these kinds of numbers since 2013. Thanks in part to a great effort from everyone to promote our great Show on Facebook, special mailings and store-front flyers.

Special consideration to Rich Burgel for doing a fantastic job advertising locally and staying within his budget. This year he negotiated a radio contract with where we were able to have 143 radio **spots** starting the week before the show. He also had sign twirlers outside on the sidewalk in front of the hotel.

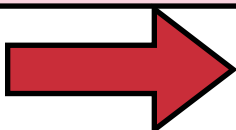
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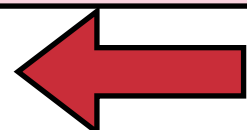
(Figures courtesy of Archie and Brenda Black)



CCA Indoor Sign Twirlers



CONVENTION RADIO JINGLE



**CONGRATULATIONS to the Winners of the  
Casino Collectibles Association's  
Educational Exhibits  
Presented by the Museum of Gaming History**

**1st Place**

Loretta Palumbo - R-6711-A - Eddie's Fabulous 50's

**2nd Place**

Rich Burgel - R-8816 - How It's Made, an Inside Look at Chip Manufacturing

**3rd Place**

Mary Lou Werner - R-6760 - When Elvis Was King of Las Vegas

**People's Choice Award**

Loretta Palumbo - R-6711-A - Eddie's Fabulous 50's

Thank you to the other participants!

Chuck Sikora - LM 8507-252 - The Sands of Atlantic City

Jerry Vergatos - LM 8093-241- Baseball Chips and Silver Strikes

Paul Schaffer - LM 7745-264 - Guinness World Record Attempt  
(World's Largest \$1 Casino Chip/Token Collection)

Jerry Birl - LM 0774-27 - A Collection of Assorted Las Vegas  
Casino Roulette Guides

A big thank you to our Judges, Mark Lighterman, Helen Dansky  
and Jim Whobrey.

# Our Volunteers are the BEST!...

There are not enough words to adequately describe the massive efforts put forth by our volunteers. From the minute the truck is loaded from the storage area with our Show equipment, to the moment it is unloaded back at the storage facility, our volunteers do not stop working.

Our volunteers are the hardest working group I have ever witnessed in all my years of business ownership and charity work. They do it out of pride and joy for our Club. They rise to the occasion and make it look so very easy. We, as a Club, are very lucky to have such people who give up their time and sweat to put on one hell of a Show. And the only real compensation they receive is a Volunteer Reception event on Saturday night after the Show is over. Every person in our Club should make a concerted effort to reach out to every one of them and thank them because without their efforts, there would be no Show. I will repeat myself and say it again, we are very lucky to have them. As President of this Club, I wish to convey to them my deepest appreciation for their fine work. On the following page, is the list of these great Club members.

Sincerely

Jerry Vergatos

President

Thank You  
plaque given to  
our Volunteers  
at the  
Volunteer  
Reception.





## VOLUNTEERS

***We are very grateful for the many members who work hard to insure the Convention is a success.***

John Albritton	Barry Hauptman	Scot Parriott
Mary Ann Massey	Fred Hempel	Ross Poppel
Steve Asrilant	Geri Hempel	Corni Quinlivan
Keith Bearden	Belinda Hixon	Mike Quinlivan
Jetti Bearden	Rick Hodges	Brenda Riemer
Henry Bernard	Richard Huber	Hector Rivera
Brenda Black	Erik Isackson	Mark Russell
Archie Black	Quintin Kamm	Jay Sands
Robert Bosseler	Charles Kaplan	Davis Sarles
Cary Burke	Alan King	Jim Sarra
Chris Carlson	David Korn	Albert Scalzo
Susan Castaneda	Dylan Korn	Alan Schuyler
John Chopek	Gary Kuehl	Chuck Sikora
Alex Cilento	Fred Lamb	Sunday Silverman
Helen Dansky	Bill Lange	Sheldon Smith
George Dmitrevsky	Christi Larson	Doug Smith
Howard Eldeman	Chuck Larson	Christine Smith
Marion Engel	Dennis Lee	David Sowell
JJ Engel	Mark Lighterman	David Spragg
Rich Figarotta	Paul Liscio	Robyn Steiner
Pam Focazio	Bruce Massey	Jim Steffner
Casey Focazio-Follis	Mona Mccolum	Rick Timmins
Jim Follis	Robert Mccolum	Luis Torres
Eric Freedner J.	Robb Mcpherson	Jerry Vergatos
Theresa Garnier	Steve Miller	Cindy Vergatos
Dennis Garnier	Jennifer Mullins	Mike Vuolo
Ronald Gaudette	Tim Mullins	Trey Warren
Vicki Gaudette	Peter Nathan	Brian Watts
AJ Giametta	Kathy Nawrocki	Jack Weingarten
Scott Goodrich	Mike Nawrocki	Jim Whobrey
Reggie Gummer	Loretta Palumbo	Dan Wickett
Ron Haglund	Steve Palumbo	Steve Wilson
Sharrol Haglund	Bob Pardue	John Zoesch
Bill Harkins	Hayden Parriott	

***Thank You ALL!!***



## 2019 CONVENTION STAFF LIST

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Auctioneer, Tyrus Mulkey  
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David Sowell and Jerry Vergatos  
Publicity and Advertising Director, Rich Burgel  
Social Media Director, Jaydon and Evy Ogden  
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Banquet Speaker Host, Mike Quinlivan  
Banquet Raffle, Loretta Palumbo and Jennifer Palumbo  
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Videographer, Ron Gaudette  
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Convention Program Editor, Todd Barrett  
CCA Monthly Newsletter, Jerry Vergatos and Jim Follis  
Greg Susong Award Chairman, Brian Watts



**Congratulations to the  
2019 Personal Chip of the Year  
contest winners.**

**Paul Liscio 1st Place**

**Fred Bergman 2nd Place**

**Keith Bearden 3rd place**

**There were 92 entries this year, up from 83 last Year.**

**I received 8 entries in the mail and 84 were submitted at the Show.**

**I look forward to possibly getting over 100 entries for next year. it's time to start thinking about your next design.  
There are many Club chip maker dealers who can help you with design work. Please give them your business.**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Jerry Vergatos**

**PCOTY Chairman**



**1st Paul Liscio**



**2nd Fred Bergman**



**3rd Keith Bearden**

## **Blackjack and Poker Tournaments**

Once again the CCA Convention and Show landed upon the South Point Hotel Casino Spa, and with it, brought another blackjack and poker tournament. Wednesday night at 9 pm we had 14 entrants to the blackjack tournament and we played down to a final table of 6 with Bill Thompson, Bill Judge, Albert Scalzo, Chris Carlson, Barry Hauptman and our winner for 2019, John Zoesch. Congratulations to our winner and hopefully, next year's event will draw more entrants.

On Friday night the Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournament started off with 37 entrants. After a few hours our Final Table was set with some familiar faces. Mike Nawrocki, Anne Spinetti, and James Belligan. When we were down to 6, the remaining contestants decided to chop the winnings, giving everyone a \$430 payout. Play did continue to establish a formal placement. The winner was a newcomer to the Club, James Love, from Oklahoma. He also won the side pot of last longer which netted a little payout of an extra \$250. Congrats to Jim and all that played. Can't wait until next year for both tournaments. A big thanks to the South Point Table Games Pit and Poker Room Staff for all the work they do in helping us have these wonderful events.

David Sowell, Director, Blackjack and Gene Trimble Memorial Poker Tournaments





## Picture Page...



### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

L-R - Jim Follis, David Spragg, Jerry Vergatos, Archie Black, Steve Palumbo, Roy Nelson, Steve Asrilant



### Past President's Breakfast

L-R - Wayne Thompson, Jim Steffner, Doug Smith, Archie Black, Mike Skelton, David Sarles, Jerry Vergatos, Nate Pincus (by J. Whobrey)

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Convention Floor (by C. Mades)



Exhibit - Eddie's Fabulous 50's (E. Sugai)



Hallway Banner (by D. Bartley)



## Picture Page...



Ladies Luncheon (Q. Kamm)



SPLASHY EVENT



VIVA Las Vegas Exhibit (E. Sugai)

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Elvis and Cindy Vergatos  
(J. Whobrey)



Convention Floor (J. Whobrey)



Guinness World Record Attempt L-R  
Paul Schaffer, Archie Black, Jay Sands

**The 2019 Raffle was another HUGE success thanks to the many donors, as well as the purchasers of a record number of tickets. When the dust settled, we had sold 630 tickets, totaling \$4,525, eclipsing last year's totals by over 20%.**

**After the expenses of postage and supplies, the Club's profit from the 2019 raffle was \$4,355, up over \$800 from 2018. I can't thank enough, all who participated in making this year's raffle a banner year. Although it's a little early to start hyping the 2020 CCA Raffle, I ALREADY Have over 2,000 chips and 1,500 slot cards donated, with lots more promised, and I haven't even started yet !!!!!**

**Don't miss out on your chance to win big, like those in previous raffles, and at the same time support the Club in one of its largest and most successful fundraisers.**

**Thank you, Thank You, THANK YOU !!!!!**

**Doug Smith  
Raffle Chairman**





## CCA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP:

- Quarterly magazine - Casino Collectible News
- Access to dozens of books in the club Library.
- Superior trading status - as a member of the CCA, people will be more trusting in their trade transactions with you because they know you're bound by the Code of Ethics. Additionally, members prefer to trade with other members, and in fact, some people will only trade with club members.
- Ability to vote for the Chip Of The Year, Silver Strike Of The Year, Token Of The Year, and Card/Key Of The Year.
- You can pre-register for the convention and get one of the famous goody bags.
- You can attend the Early Bird Banquet before the convention.
- You can be listed in the public, online Club Directory (along with your email and website URL) for others to learn about you and your collecting interests
- You will develop life-long friendships with other club members.
- You receive a membership card and are entitled to use the club logo on your business cards and web pages.
- You get to have a vote in the direction of the most influential organization in the hobby.
- You have access to the full Club Directory that contains many names and addresses not available in the public, online directory.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization that takes its ethics and codes of conduct very seriously.
- You have the honor of belonging to an organization dedicated to the preservation of part of our nation's history.

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My collection interests are

☐ Chips ☐ Tokens ☐ U.S. ☐ Foreign

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☐ Name and Address ☐ Phone number ☐ Do not publish my name and address

I have enclosed my annual dues for:

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CCA Membership Officer

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Or apply online with your credit card at [www.ccgctcc.com](http://www.ccgctcc.com)

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Tap or click the membership application on the left to download a printable Membership Application form.

Or, do the same **HERE** to immediately visit the CCA's online Membership Application page and join right now!

**Are you a Member of the CCA?  
Want to learn more? Please use  
the QR Code, at right, with your  
hand held, to visit the CCA's  
Membership Application Page.**





## **MoGH Membership Report**

**I am happy to announce our newest members to the Gold and Life Membership upgrade levels. Their support will help the MoGH continue to strive to build our own museum. By upgrading their memberships, they help us purchase display cases for future Exhibits and fund many other projects.**

**Thank You All!!!**

### **Gold Level (\$35 yr. annually)**

**Mike Nawrocki**

**George Dmitrevski**

**Donald Duran**

### **Life Members (\$250 one time)**

**Steve Miller**

**David Loriso**

**Fred Bergman**

**Jim Steffner**

**James Love**

**Jerry Vergatos MoGH LM -1**

**Membership Director**



**Visit the MoGH  
online. Scan this  
QR Code with your  
hand held.**

**If you wish to be a part of our growth, and wish to upgrade your membership, please contact me at [vergatos@msn.com](mailto:vergatos@msn.com)**

**The National Atomic Testing Museum**  
**and**

**The Museum of Gaming History**

The MoGH celebrates the addition of it's 7th Milestone Marker in an agreement with the National Atomic Testing Museum, Las Vegas, NV, to house 3 display cases in the Museum's Theater. Case number one is already filled with an Exhibit from Steve Palumbo, entitled "ATOMIC NEVADA".

The MoGH has issued a Call for Materials, as we are looking for content to fill the other 2 display cases. If you have items relating to what we collect and "atomic energy" in general, then please feel free to contact Jim Follis at [GamingOre@TheMoGH.org](mailto:GamingOre@TheMoGH.org) or by phone/text at 520.971.7909.



**National Atomic Testing Museum - Milestone Marker #7  
on The Trail of The MoGH**

## **MoGH Mission Statement**

The Museum of Gaming History (MoGH) exists to increase the awareness, knowledge and understanding of the evolution of Gaming History and its unique impact on society.

## **MoGH Vision Statement**

Create and operate a dynamic museum experience in Las Vegas and online that provides an accurate progression of gaming over time.

## **Key Tenets of this Mission Include:**

Advance the public's knowledge and understanding of the history of gaming, through the preservation of relevant artifacts and public presentations.

Provide accurate storytelling that portrays the roots and evolution of casino gaming, in an authentic and entertaining manner.

Present the stories, accomplishments and impact of the pioneers, leaders and other important historical figures relevant to gaming history.

The preservation and presentation of artifacts, objects and digital records to serve as educational resources connecting both the academic community and the general public to the people and events of historical significance.



**The MoGH...**  
**Always moving forward!**





*Please take a moment  
to remember our friends  
and fellow club members  
Who are no longer with us  
except in spirit.*



**Carmen Coccozza R-7759**

**Ed Norris R-5451**

**Arthur Ferreira R-7123**

**Frank Gregor R-0636**

**Eric Rosenblum LM-0173-44**

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